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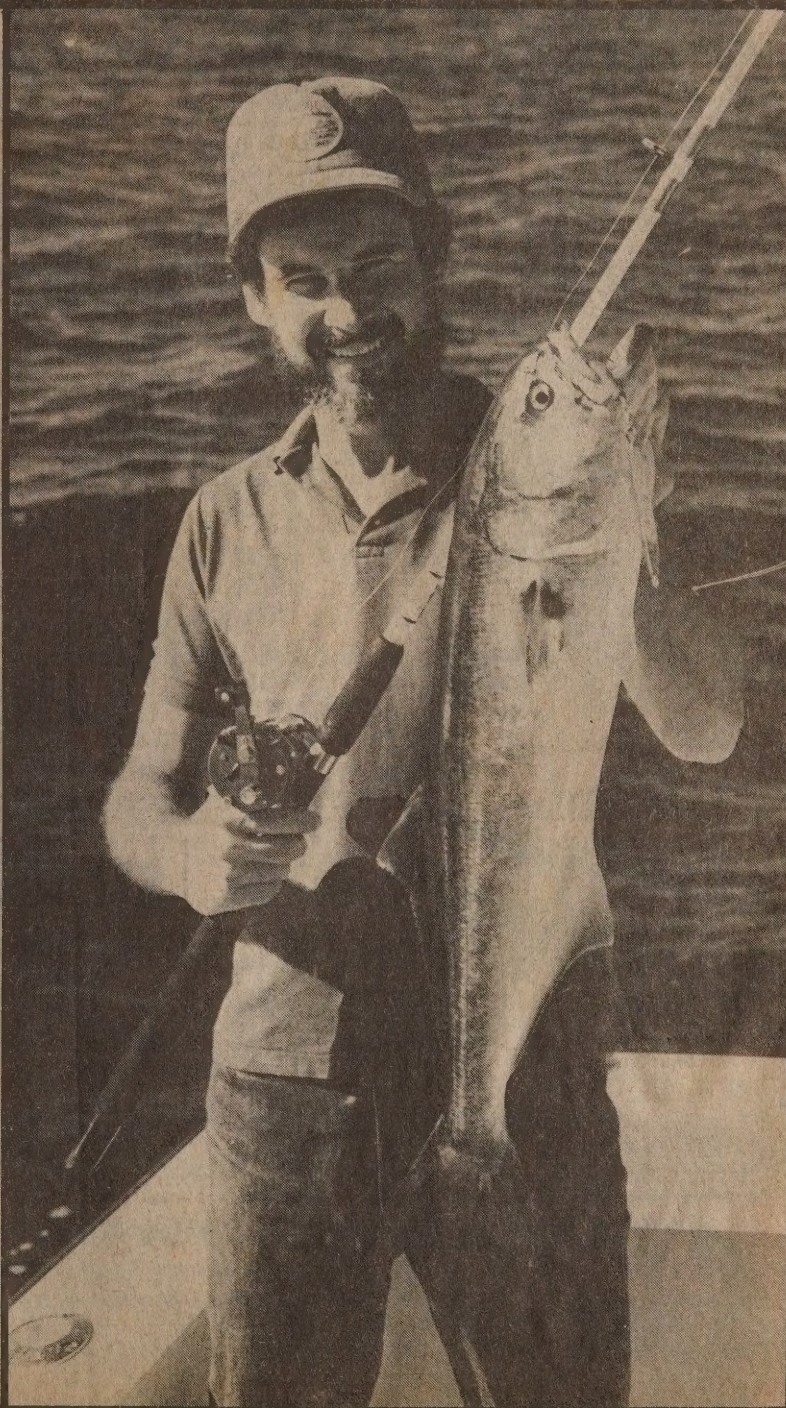
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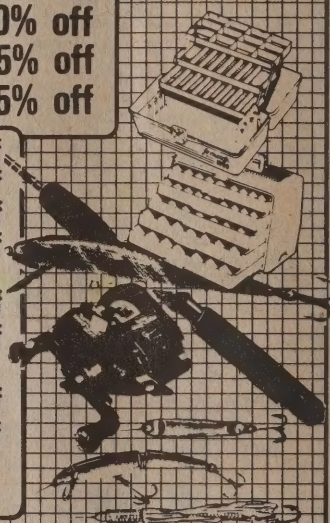
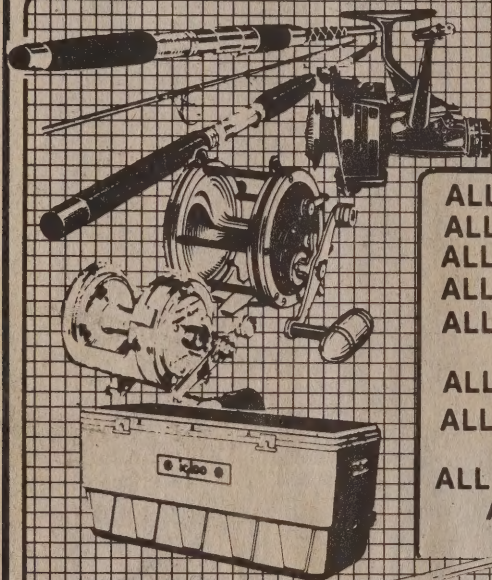
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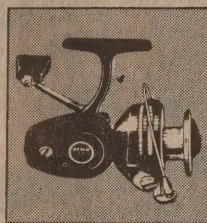


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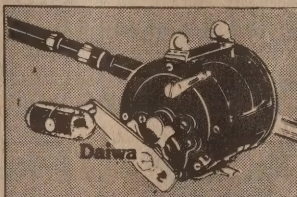
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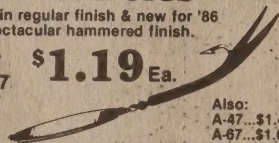


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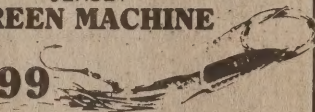
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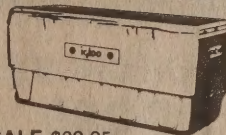
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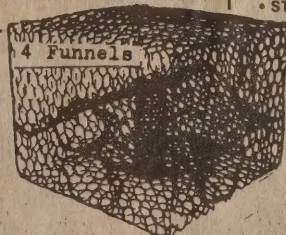
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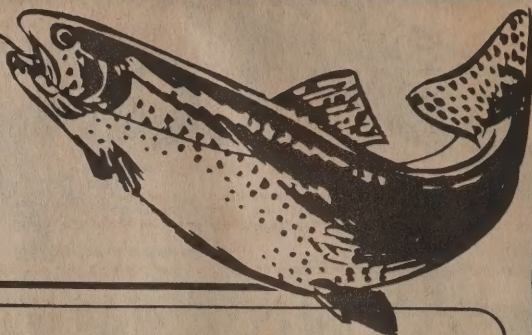
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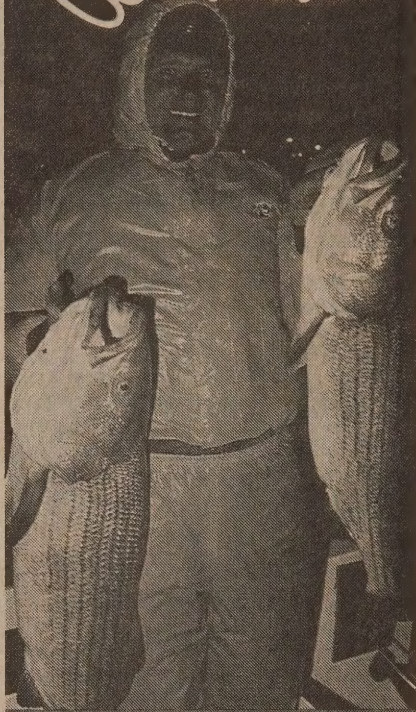
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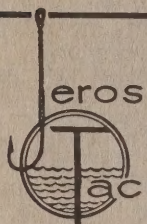


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A LAST CALL FOR YOUR HELP: PARKLANDS BILL ALMOST A REALITY

You'll recall over a month ago, we let you know that the Parklands Bill (bill to prohibit commercial activities unrelated to recreation from the state parks) had passed the Assembly. We also told you that we had a good chance to move it out of committee and onto the floor of a stubborn Senate if you would write to Senators.

Well, congratulations. You did write. Boy, did you write. From almost every county and to almost every Senator on the list. The Bill was moved out of committee onto the Senate floor and passed on Wednesday, June 18th. The bill did not have to be amended for its content, thus becoming Legislative Bill 21028. When corresponding to the Governor, please refer to this new bill, as well as the previous "Parklands Bill," A 4186 and S 3220.

In case you aren't familiar with this legislation, let us provide a brief review. About five years ago, we began moving with legislation to eliminate the intimidation and interference of recreational users of state parks by commercial operations. We received many stories that essentially said: "We were pushed out of the way by them. They didn't care that we were (swimming, walking, fishing, sunbathing, etc.), they told us they were making a living and to hell with us."

It made sense to us and many others that the state parks, which are funded and maintained by taxpayer dollars to provide recreational opportunities, should be safe havens for recreation. We introduced the legislation, but it was stalled repeatedly. This year, Assemblyman Patrick Halpin picked up the bill and got it passed in the Assembly. His success in the Assembly set the stage for our big push in the Senate.

Now, we're a gnat's whisker from getting this bill signed into law. There is only one more hurdle, and that's the Governor. Among Governor Cuomo's advisors are voices from the East End of Long Island. These voices are very protective of commercial fishing interests. We have good reason to believe that these voices will be working on the Governor not to sign. It does not mean, however, that these voices will be successful.

In addition, the Governor has just recently ordered the ban on the commercial harvest of striped bass, and he will be reluctant to add another piece of legislation against the East End Baymen's Association. However, on the other side of this coin, one may be inclined to think that it will be easier to sign this bill into law because there will be less interest among haul seine crews especially, because a number of them have already begun moving into other activities. Actually, the Parklands Bill will take very little beach front away from the haul seine crews, but that fact was previously overlooked in the emotional reaction to the legislation.

What this all means is that there will be some lobbying to convince the Governor not to sign this bill. If the Governor's office receives little or no input from us, he will feel he can veto it. However, if we generate the same groundswell of support for this legislation that we did in the Senate, he will not be able to ignore it and will be forced to sign it into law.

It's hard for us to ask you to pick up pens again. We know you want to go fishing, and we know writing letters to public officials is not a barrel of laughs. However, this is a golden opportunity and we are very, very close to success. We told you your letters would make a difference in the Senate and they did. Now your letters to the Governor can make a difference. If we do our job, this should be the last call for help on this legislation and the state parks will be safe havens for recreation always.

Please write today. Make it simple and to the point. Tell the Governor that you and your family use the state parks for recreation and that you do not believe recreational activities should be interfered with by unrelated commercial activity. Tell the Governor you support Legislative Bill 21028, Assembly Bill 4186 and Senate Bill 3220—the Parklands Bill, and urge him to sign it into law immediately.

If you have a personal incident of intimidation, relate that to the Governor. Incidentally, thanks for sending copies of letters to the LIF office—that was a big help! If you could also do that with letters to the Governor, we'd appreciate it. Doing so prevents the "We didn't get any letters" syndrome at the Governor's office.

We need your help! With it we can get this job done. How about it all you clubs, LIBBA, UMS, Montauk Surfcasters? You, and all the independent fishermen too, are the power that moves legislation. Write today: Governor Mario Cuomo, State Capital, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224.

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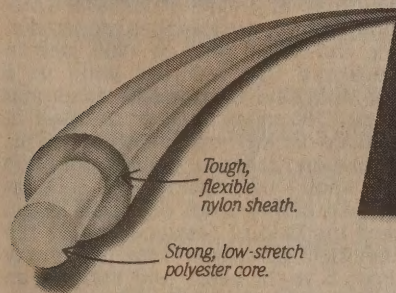
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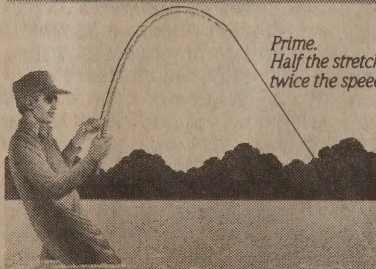
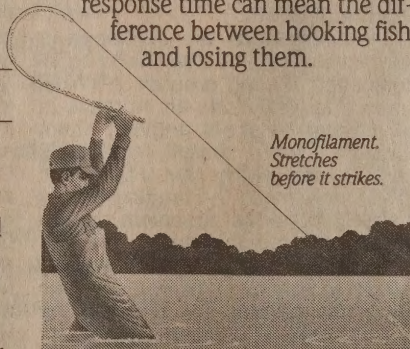
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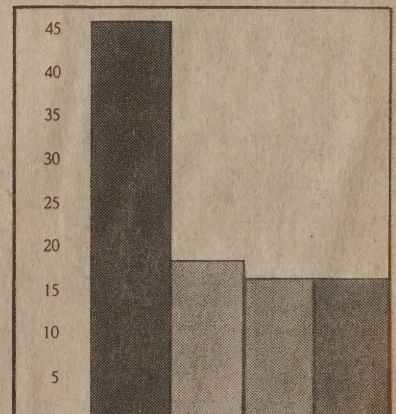
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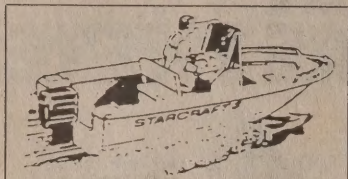
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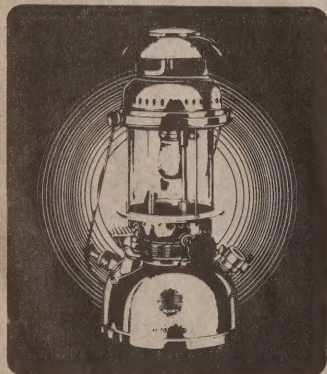
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Largest individual fish award was taken by Bill Blitz of East Bay Anglers with a fish weighing 9 lbs. even; 2nd place Doc Manfredi, East Bay Anglers, 7 lbs. 5 oz.; 3rd place Stewart Rosenberg, also East Bay Anglers, 6 lbs. 5 oz.

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A total of 7,194 sharks (nearly 3,500 more than in 1984) were tagged last year, equalling the entire effort for the first seven years of the 22 year old program, according to the annual report from the Northeast Fisheries Center in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

The 251 recaptures surpassed the total for the first nine years of the scientific study.

The 1985 results are explained in part by: the return of blue sharks to inshore sport fishing grounds off New Jersey and New York; an increase in the number of shark anglers, shark tournament, and overall interest in shark fishing along the U.S. coast; and an increase in the tagging efforts of NMFS fisheries observers aboard Japanese longling vessels.

Fisheries observers alone tagged over 2,400 sharks in 1985, more than double the number for 1984. Of the 7,194 releases, anglers accounted for 35 percent, fisheries observers 33 percent and the R/V Geronimo, NMFS biologists and commercial fishermen the rest. Of the 256 recaptures, 113 (44 percent) had originally been caught and released by rod and reel anglers, 101 (40 percent) by longliners, and the rest by other types of gear. The recaptures were: 122 (48 percent) by longliners and 93 (36 percent) by rod and reel anglers.

Blue Sharks (155 returns) were recaptured after a maximum of 8.5 years at liberty and over a distance of 3,740 miles (New York to Brazil). The 8.5 year recapture is the longest time at liberty for over 30,000 blue sharks tagged since 1963. The old record for

a tagged blue shark was six years. Age studies by European scientists suggest blue sharks may live for 20 years, but U.S. scientists have not been able to confirm the estimate. In fact, blue sharks may not be long-lived compared to some other sharks such as the sandbar shark which lives to well over 20 years. Ongoing age studies will analyze tag and recapture data, vertebral rings and other information to better understand age and growth in the blue shark.

Sandbar sharks (18 returns) were recaptured after a maximum of 19.7 years at liberty and over distances of 1,692 miles (New York to Mexico). The two sandbar shark returns at liberty for over 19 years are the longest of any species since the start of the program. Both were juveniles tagged during the same week in 1965, one in Delaware Bay and the other in a Virginia bay. Both were recaptured about 100 miles apart in the Gulf of Mexico during the same week in 1985. These and other recaptures continue to show movements of sandbar sharks between the U.S. East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico. Nine of the sandbar recaptures were at liberty from 5 to 19 years and showed an average growth of 1.7 inches per year, which supports previous accounts of slow growth in the sandbar.

Mako sharks (30 returns) were recaptured after a maximum of 8.2 years at liberty and over distances of 1,583 miles. The 8.2 years at liberty was the longest time for a mako as the previous record was 4.3 years in 1981. Two additional 1985 returns were from makos at liberty for over four years. Both were about 32 inches in fork length when released and 78 inches at recapture. These fish showed an annual growth rate of 11 inches. One of the more interesting returns came from a mako that was tagged by Capt. Phil Ruhle near the Flemish Cap east of Newfoundland and recaptured off Georges Bank three years later. This is the most easterly release of a mako that has been recovered in U.S. waters.

Other species included recaptures of a blacknose shark after 9.2 years; night shark after 4.4 years; sharpnose shark after two years; and short term recaptures of tiger, bonnethead, silky, spinner, reef, lemon and nurse sharks. Four swordfish were recaptured after up to five years at liberty and over distances of 686 miles. Swordfish are so valuable and opportunities to tag them so rare that NMFS biologists at Narragansett and Miami laboratories are encouraging tagging swordfish with tags meant for tuna, billfish and shark.

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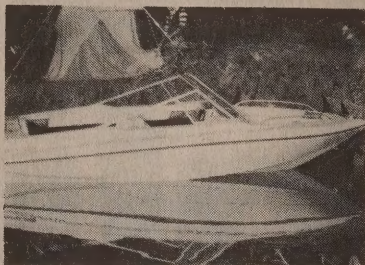


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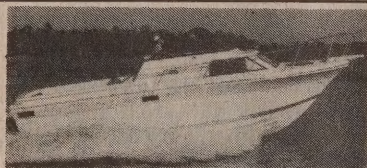


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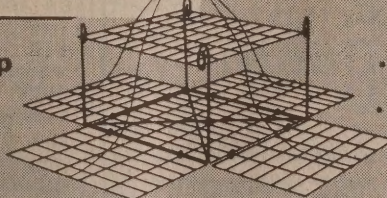
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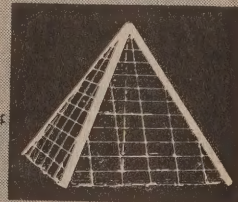
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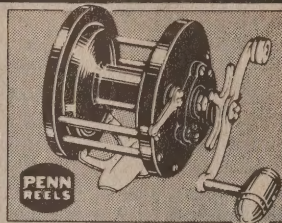
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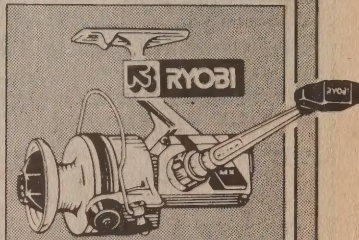
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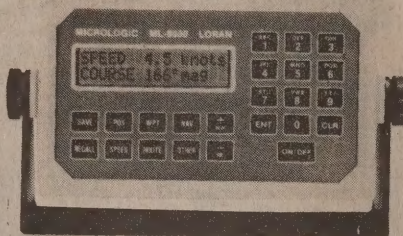
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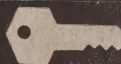
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Further information can be obtained by writing the Federation of Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 1088, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 or call (406) 646-9541. Cost of the Conclave is \$20.

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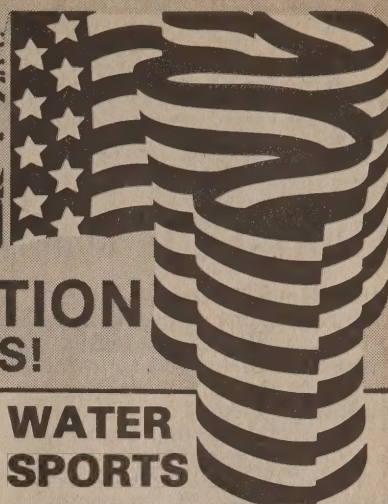
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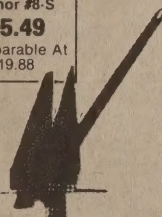
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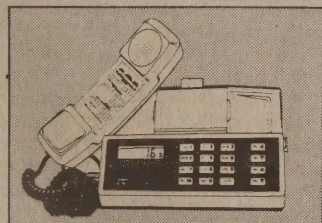
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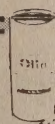


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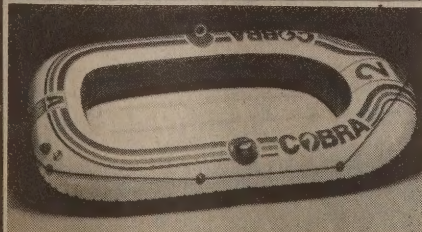
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Governor Mario Cuomo
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Attention: Frank Murray

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The regulations calling for a total moratorium on the possession of striped bass, that the Department of Environmental Conservation is presently contemplating, will have a disastrous effect on the economy in the community of Montauk. The charter fishing boats depend entirely on the striped bass for the months of October and November. The loss of those two months would result in a loss of income of approximately 30 percent to the individual boat owners and crew plus a similar reduction in related industries such as motels, restaurants and marinas. This is unacceptable.

The DEC claims that this moratorium is necessary in order to accomplish two goals, the first being to conserve existing stocks of striped bass. This is just not true. A recent survey indicates that recreational anglers accounted for only a three percent reduction of the striped bass caught. In addition, the Atlantic State Fishery Commission has found that the best method to ensure a future supply of striped bass stocks is to totally protect the 1982 year class of bass until those fish have been able to spawn once and recommends a sliding size scale to accomplish this. They do not recommend a total moratorium. During the fall of 1985, charter boats here in Montauk were able to catch as many as 100 bass per day. Over 90 percent of these fish had to be released because they were under the existing 24 inch minimum size limit. The Atlantic States Fishery Commission would raise the minimum size limit each year until 1987 in order to protect that body of fish. We do not feel that any additional restrictions would be of substantial benefit, especially considering the cost to the local economy.

The second reason put forth by the DEC is to protect consumers from fish contaminated by PCBs over the minimum allowable limit as determined by the Department of Health.

The commercial fishing for striped bass has been terminated, and that is all that is required to meet this goal. There is no need to stop recreational fishing as well. As Dr. Horn of the DEC stated at a public hearing held on April 22, 1986 to study this issue: "there is a difference between voluntary consumers and involuntary consumers." Recreational anglers are voluntary consumers and can determine for themselves what protection

they need the same as a smoker decides what he wishes to do. Over the years there are precedents to this in New York State regulations.

In 197, commercial striped bass fishing was banned in the Hudson River because PCB levels exceeded the then allowable minimum of 5 parts per million. Recreational anglers on the other hand were allowed to catch and possess five fish per day.

In the fall of 1984, the allowable minimum limit of PCBs in fish was reduced to two parts per million. Commercial bass fishing was stopped on the western end of Long Island, but recreational anglers were still allowed to take two fish per day. Hudson River anglers were still allowed five fish per day.

There is no commercial fishing allowed in Lake Ontario, however, there is a thriving recreational fishing industry. The New York State Fishing, Small Game Hunting, Trapping Regulations Guide recommends on the first page that no trout or salmon caught in Lake Ontario be eaten. However, recreational anglers are allowed up to 5 fish per day.

In 1981, a striped bass was caught off Montauk Point that weighed 76 lbs. This fish broke a world record that had stood since 1913. In angling circles, that was similar to the first individual running the four minute mile. Under the regulations now being considered, that record could not have been broken. Incidentally, that fish would have been no danger to anyone no matter what the PCB count was since it was taken to a taxidermy studio to be preserved forever.

We believe that the real reason the DEC wants to ban recreational fishing has nothing to do with protecting striped bass stocks nor with protecting the fish consuming public. Members of the commercial fishing industry have openly stated that "if we can't have them, nobody should." We believe that the DEC is bowing to that type of pressure.

There will be no commercial supply of striped bass in New York State. No restaurant is going to put an illegal fish on its menu, nor is a fish store going to openly display an illegal fish in his showcase.

The same conservation officer who is investigating whether striped bass are possessed or not, will investigate what size a fish is.

The only logical reason we can see as to why recreational fishing should be curtailed is to relieve pressure being brought to bear by commercial fishing interests.

We, therefore, urge you to use the powers of your office to bring about more reasonable regulations concerning the possession of striped bass.



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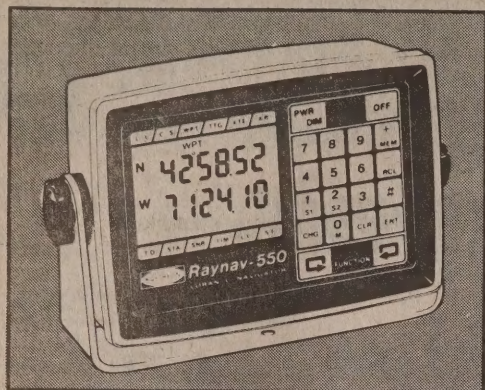
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COPY OF STATEMENT PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR CUOMO ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1986

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions concerning the status of the recreational striped bass fishery in New York State.

As you are probably aware by now, the recently imposed 60 days emergency measure which bans the possession of striped bass has created an avalanche of discontent among recreational anglers and the recreational fishing industry in general. The reason for this discontent stems from the opinion that a total ban on possession for recreational anglers is completely unjustified. Neither management of the species (which should be the primary concern) nor PCB contamination provide valid arguments for not allowing a minimal bag limit for anglers. Indeed, it appears that the total ban is no more than an appeasement to a very small but vocal group of east end net fishermen.

Our recent series of articles authored by Dr. William A. Muller clearly expresses our dissatisfaction with PCB contamination being used in place of sound management guidelines. However, since PCB contamination was a prime consideration in banning recreational harvest, I feel it is necessary to address this topic.

Please note that the current ban clearly contradicts previously established DEC policy concerning the risks involved with eating contaminated fish. A draft environmental impact study conducted as recently as 1985, defined as "voluntary," the risk taken by a recreational fisherman who has been warned through advisories of the dangers involved in eating certain fish. The plan defines as "involuntary," the risk taken by a consumer when purchasing fish through the marketplace without sufficient warning about contamination and without knowledge of the origin.

Secondly, DEC set a precedent during the 1985 season by allowing a two fish recreational bag limit while banning the sale of west end striped bass. Fish which tested out at over 4 ppm PCB!

Also, it should be pointed out that a highly contaminated Great Lakes fishery continues to thrive, free from any bans on possession. It is suggested in the New York Fishing Regulations Guide that no one eat any chinook or coho salmon over 21", rainbow trout over 25" and browns trout over 18". It further advises that the same species in smaller sizes should not be consumed more than once a month. These species

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Finally, the number of stripers that will actually be consumed by anglers is minimal. While some anglers do want the option of taking home a "fish for the table" now and then, there are other considerations. In the world of angling, few accomplishments rate higher than the landing of a trophy size striped bass. For some, that trophy may be a mere twenty pounder while for others, nothing less than a 50 pounder is deserving of trophy status. No less significant, the catching of one's first striped bass—a feat which some anglers spend years trying to accomplish. Certainly these anglers, with no concern for the almighty dollar, deserve to make their own decision concerning the taking or releasing of such a noble fish.

As I stated earlier, proper management of the striped is our primary concern. It is with the support of fisheries experts (including those within the DEC) that we feel a minimal bag limit of one fish per angler, of at least 30 inches in length, will not negatively impact on the striped bass resource. It should be noted that that recent data suggests that the 2 fish bag limit imposed on recreational fishermen in 1985, resulted in a mere 3 percent reduction in the New York striped

bass harvest. The bottom line is that the true recreational angler makes but a small dent in the overall harvest. Striped bass fishing is, in reality, more fishing than it is catching, despite what some anglers might lead you to believe.

Catch data also plainly indicates where the bulk of the harvest takes place. Commercial fishing (net and rod and reel) on Long Island's east end, particularly during October and November, is where the real damage is being done. Yet, aside from a paper thin ban concerning PCB contaminants, there is nothing on the books to protect this great resource from further abuse. We implore you to use your power as the Governor of this great state, to correct this injustice at once. *Sincerely yours, Fred P. Golofaro, Editor, The Fisherman.*

MORE ON THE STRIPED BASS ISSUE

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am very disillusioned that politics and political connections have been substituted for sound resource management of a very valuable natural resource: the striped bass fishery which we share in common with our coastal neighbors.

It has been very clear to me that your administration is only concerned with the minor economic impact on the commercial fisherman; has ignored the greater impact on the recreational industry and not even

considered the social and economic impact of decisions on the overwhelming majority of NY citizens who enjoy pursuit of this noble game fish.

I would like to suggest that striped management decisions be returned to the professionals who have the competence to make proper decisions and who our taxes pay to do this job.

I is my firm belief that the recreational striped fishery should be re-opened and unaffected by PCB contamination in accordance with established State "Policy for Contaminated Fisheries" which your administration adopted less than a year ago. *Sincerely, William E. Miller.*

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Dear Fred,

Can you please point me in the right direction. We want to fish Moriches Bay, buoy 42 area, with our 17 foot Boston Whaler. I'm interested in launching ramps, particularly their locations, if a resident permit is required, and approximate fees. Thank you, *Paul J. Bocchino.*

Dear Paul,

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SUPER WINCH

by Charley Soares

There have been tremendous improvements in the equipment and technology which aids fishermen and boat owners, but none quite so helpful as the electric power winch. I have had many encounters with manual trailer winches over the years and have come up second best on many occasions. I have had a handle bend in my hand, gears chip and fly and have experienced a drum spool bending under the weight of a boat load of fish and a full live bait well. Admittedly, many of the problems were my own fault.

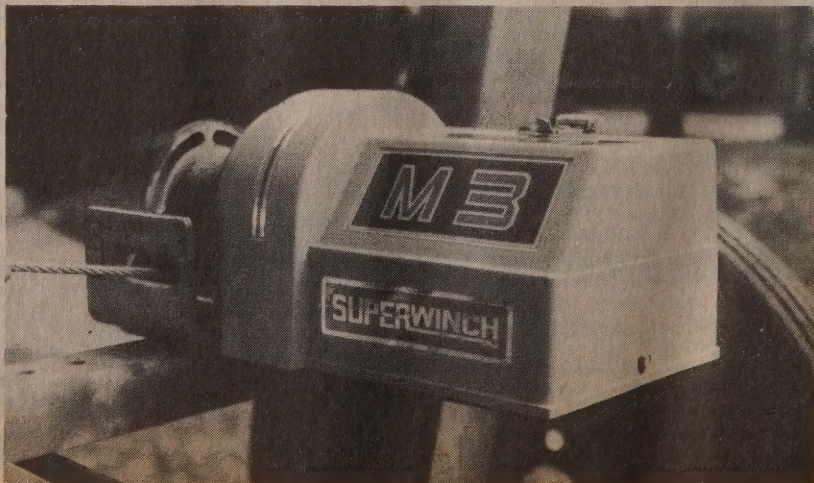
The basic disadvantage with the manual winch is the need to have more than one person assist in the chore of bringing most boats onto the trailer's first two rollers evenly, especially for those of us who still use large keel rollers rather than the self-centering all-roller trailers. Even with the rear bank of rollers of the self-loading type the wind can still turn you about and cause a great deal of friction if you are not in the after section of the trailer to guide the boat the first few feet. E-Z loader trailers have gone a long way to eliminate many of these problems but you still had to be at the winch stand cranking for the first few critical feet of the hauling and retrieving process.

Power winches with remote cords have enabled many a skipper to become self-sufficient and not have to be dependent on another person's aid. I purchased my very first electric power winch in 1972 and that Superwinch Haulamatic 8000 gave me 13 trouble free years of service with the

exception of a couple of broken anti-reverse springs and occasional owner lubrication of the drum and electrical connectors. That winch never stalled and hauled boats up to 23 feet with loaded bait wells and substantial amounts of gear and fish. While most other winches equipped with clutches had to double haul their cable, I always hauled my boats direct which saves a great deal of time.

I replaced it with the Superwinch M3 which is a newer, low profile winch of similar capacity and a hawse type fairlead for the cable. About the only fault I find with this new piece of equipment is the necessity of having to utilize the battery to pay out cable in the reverse mode. The older model had a neutral mode which allowed the cable to be free spooled off the winch and did not cause a drain on the vehicle's battery. This is not a problem with a new, or well charged battery, but could be a problem with an older, weaker battery. You are required to activate the battery to move cable from the winch stand to the rear of the trailer which in many instances, can be up to 25 feet away. One way to overcome any appreciable drain would be to run the engine during the process. If your vehicle is equipped with a heavy duty battery and alternator, as most towing vehicles are designed, this is not a problem.

The winch comes with a 10 foot remote cable and handset which allows you to choose neutral, forward or the reverse process. I opted to have a 24 foot cable made for mine due to



the aforementioned keel roller trailers I employ. You can splice into this cable and extend your remote in the same manner if you choose. I have had my remote line in the form of a 5/16" nylon cord run from the control box along the trailer frame via stainless steel eyes bolted to the trailer frame. This negated the chances for forgetting to take the cord out with you or experiencing a tangle with the rollers or running gear when the wind was howling or water washed your cord onto the rollers or brackets. You can still operate your new winch in this manner, but I would suggest you have an electrician make the switch for you and be sure it is well protected from rain and road grime for optimum operating conditions.

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Superwinches are built in Putnam, Connecticut in a modern factory and parts and service are readily available, if you should ever need them. On one occasion I broke the anti-reverse spring on the old 8000 unit and drove to the factory where they replaced the spring and cleaned and lubed the winch while I waited. That's service.

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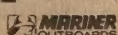
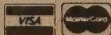
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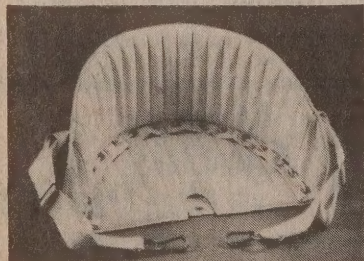
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by Barbara Mason

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entire procedure should take no more
than half an hour.

Serves 6

- 6 small whiting (without heads
and fins)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup flour
- 9 tbsp butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 lb. mushrooms, chopped
- salt & freshly ground black pepper
to taste
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- juice of one lemon
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley

Wash and pat the fish dry. Dip the
fish in the milk and then coat it with
the flour. Heat three tablespoons of
the butter in a large heavy skillet.
Saute the whiting over moderate heat

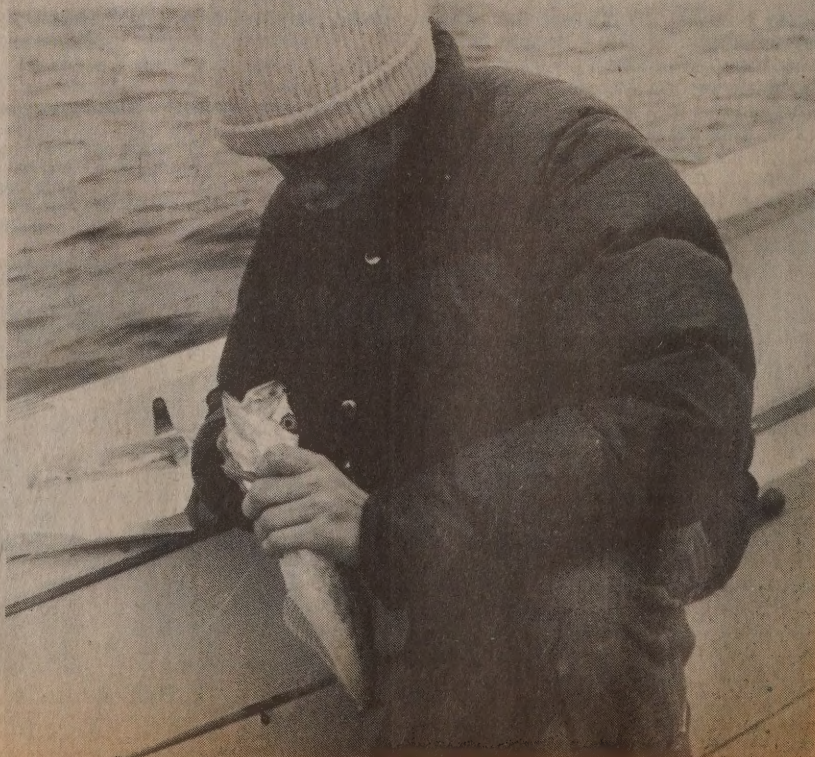
until browned on both sides, turning
once. Transfer to a heat-proof platter
and keep warm. Wipe the skillet
clean. Add three more tablespoons of
butter and saute the onion until trans-
parent. Add the mushrooms and cook
until most of the liquid has evap-
orated. Season with salt, pepper and
the nutmeg. Spread over the fish.
Heat the remaining butter in the
skillet until brown and stir in the
lemon juice. Add the parsley and pour
over the whiting.

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- 2 lbs. whiting fillets
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- 1/2 cup dry sauterne wine
- 2 cucumbers, cubed
- 1/8 tsp dill



salt & freshly ground black pepper
to taste

6 stuffed olives, chopped
1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

Wipe fillets with a damp cloth. Peel and mince the onions. Cube the cucumbers and chop olives. Place fillets in a shallow fireproof baking dish. Sprinkle lightly with dill. Pour wine over top. Sprinkle bread crumbs over top. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) for 20 minutes. Serve hot in oven dish garnished with chopped olives.

Whiting and Potato Souffle with Creole Sauce

The sweet flavor of whiting enhances other flavors and is at its best when accompanied by a tangy lively sauce. This souffle is easy and quick to make. Prepare the sauce first, since the longer the sauce simmers, the better the flavor.

Serves 6

1 lb. whiting fillets
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 small onion, minced
3 eggs
1 tbsp lemon juice
2 cups mashed potatoes
2 oz. butter
4 sprigs parsley, chopped
1/2 green pepper, minced
3 drops Tabasco sauce
salt & freshly ground black pepper,
to taste

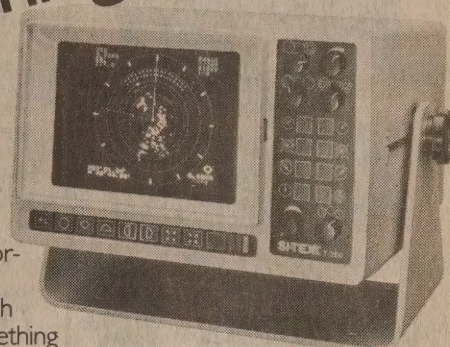
Wipe fillets with damp cloth. Place fillet in wire steaming basket. Pour 2 cups of water in saucepan and boil. Place basket in pan. Do not allow fish to touch water. Cover and steam ten minutes until easily flaked with a fork. Remove fillets and flake. While fish is steaming, prepare souffle mixture. Melt butter in saucepan. Add celery, onion, parsley, and green pepper. Simmer 15 minutes until tender. Place mashed potatoes in large mixing bowl. Add fish, lemon juice, Tabasco sauce, salt and pepper to taste, and mix well. Separate egg yolks from whites. Beat mixture until very light. Gently fold in egg whites. Place mixture in greased casserole and place in shallow pan of boiling water. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) 30 minutes or until souffle is golden brown. Serve immediately with Creole Sauce.

Creole Sauce:

2 cups canned tomatoes
1 large onion, minced
4 tbsps melted butter
1 tsp salt
1 cup minced green pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1/8 tsp rosemary
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 tsp paprika

Melt butter in saucepan over medium flame. Add onion, green pepper, and garlic. Saute 10 minutes or until tender. Add salt, pepper, paprika and tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Cover, turn down the heat and simmer 15 minutes or longer. Serve over souffle.

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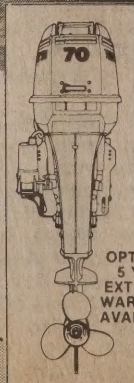


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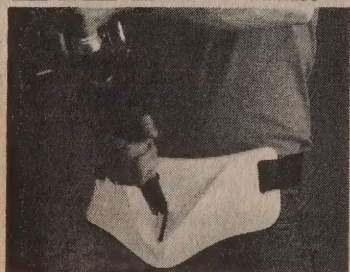
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by Russ Wilson

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Richard Murdock.

Dear Richard,

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Dear Doc,

Please send me any information you might have regarding fishing trips for white marlin or sailfish. My father and I are interested in traveling during the months of January and February wherever this type of fishing is exceptionally good. We would like to have information about chartering such a trip, available lodging and any other pertinent information about the location we should know, including passports, visas, climate, etc. If you have any brochures, written information or the name and address of anyone else we might contact about this, please let us know.

Walter Buzin.

Dear Walter,

You don't mention anything about how much money you and your dad want to spend. There are thousands of places around the world where you can catch sailfish or marlin. Some, such as Panama or South America are going to set you back a tidy sum. But, your chances of getting a billfish are excellent. Florida is also worth fishing (mostly sails, but some whites) and is less costly than fishing out of the country.

I'd suggest you write to PanAngling

as they arrange trips all over the world for most any species of fish an angler wants to catch. The address for Pan-Angling is: PanAngling Travel Service, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601; (312) 263-0328.

You might also contact the Florida Department of Tourism and request their brochures on fishing Florida waters. At the same time, get information on lodging, anticipated costs, and other info which will make your trip that much more enjoyable.

If you are going to travel outside the U.S. you will need a passport. These usually take four or five weeks to obtain, so don't wait until the last minute to apply for the passport.

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Dear Doc,

I am really confused. I plan to do a lot of shark fishing this summer and have read everything I can find about how to catch sharks. Only trouble is, each writer has his own special way of fishing and his own ideas of what tackle is necessary to handle these mean customers. After spending most of the winter months reading about how to fish for sharks, I am back where I started.

What's the real lowdown on sharking? Do I need heavy tackle? Is dacron or monofilament best? What about leaders: some writers say to use braided leaders, others say single strand wire and some claim using single strand and braided together (separated by a barrel swivel) is best.

Abraham Small.

Dear Abraham,

I am not an expert at shark fishing although I've caught most of the species that inhabit Atlantic Coast waters. But most of the more experienced shark fishermen we've known felt it pays to carry tackle that is strong enough to handle a big shark even though most of the sharks that are taken do not qualify as monsters.

We generally bring 30, 50 and one 80 pound class outfit when heading offshore for sharks. The 30 and 50 pound outfits generally see use on a continuous basis. The 80 is left in reserve just in case a real large shark comes into the slick. We have yet to use that outfit because each time a big shark does hit it usually grabs a deep bait that is fished on a 50. For super sport, however, the 30 pound outfits are hard to beat. Sharks that

run 75 to 200 pounds can be taken on the 30 without too much trouble. The 50 is probably a better choice and if we had to select just one outfit for shark fishing it would be a 50 lb. class with a lever type reel.

Fishing line is always brought up when shark fishermen gather to swap lies or relate fishing tales. We've used both dacron and mono with equally good results. Each has its own properties. Some are assets, while others are liabilities. The dacron has no stretch which means you have better control over the fish. But, because dacron is a braided line it does fray easily if it comes in contact with the gun'l of the boat or any part of the hull, motor or lower unit. Monofilament, on the other hand, stretches and stretches until it finally pops like a rifle shot. Experienced fishermen will go with dacron, while those with little or no experience often choose monofilament for its forgiving qualities. Mono, with its built-in stretch allows the angler to make mistakes without causing a lost shark. Dacron does not give the fisherman this edge, for it will pop when the pressure exceeds the test of the line.

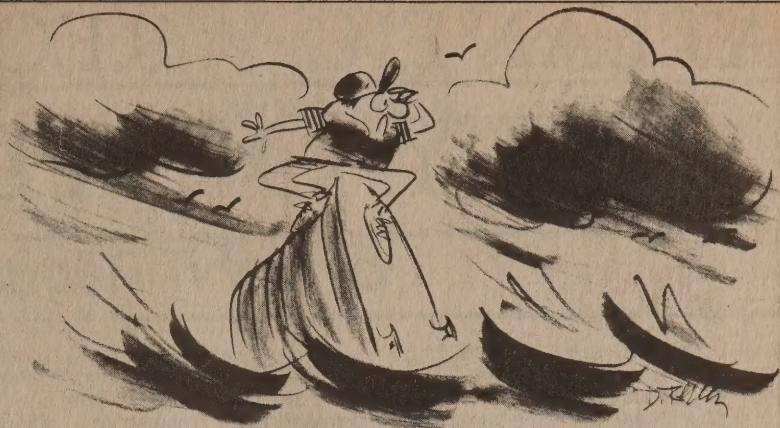
Since you are just getting into sharking I'd suggest you use mono line until you feel comfortable, then try the dacron. That way you won't be disappointed if a shark puts up a lengthy battle which might cause some chafing of the dacron.

Leaders also cover a multitude of sins. We normally carry a few pre-tied rigs. The cable type braided leaders are fine, but cost more than single strand wire. The addition of a barrel swivel at about mid-point in the leader will facilitate a quick re-rigging after you've caught a shark. All you have to do is replace the end section of the leader and you are back in business. Without the swivel you must change the entire leader. Also, by using a swivel at mid-point in the leader you cut down on twist. As any experienced shark fisherman will tell you, sharks have a nasty habit of rolling up in the leader, often to a point where you are cranking them in backward.

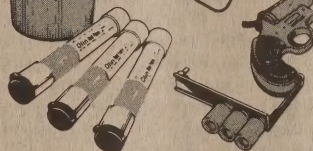
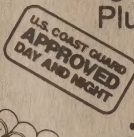
I'd start off by purchasing some ready made shark rigs and go from there. Once you see how the cable or single performs for you, it is easy to decide which type rigging you prefer.

Why not try one trip with a reputable charter skipper who is experienced at fishing for sharks. You'll get a lot of information from an "on the water experience" at bargain basement prices. An all day shark trip is not that expensive when you break up the cost among six anglers.

And, you might also pick up a copy of Pete Barrett's "Fishing For Sharks." The cover price is \$7.95 and the book is loaded with tips on how to catch these marauders of the sea. It is available at many marinas and tackle shops along the North Atlantic Seaboard or can be ordered through The Fisherman Library, 339 Herbertsville Road, Bricktown, NJ 08724 for \$7.95 plus \$1 for postage and handling.



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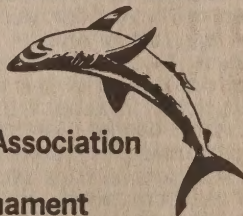
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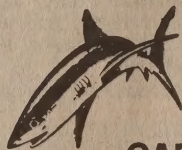
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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES: CITY OF ATHENS

by John Raguso

About 20 miles east of Cape May, New Jersey on the sandy sea bed in 110 feet of water rests the rusting hulk of a Savannah Line steamship that was involved in a tragic collision during the First World War. Her name is the City of Athens, and her role as a coastwise steamer was to transport both cargo and passengers up and down the ports of the East Coast. That duty came to an abrupt end early the morning of May 1, 1918, where in a dense fog she was rammed by the French heavy cruiser La Glorie and foundered within 10 minutes, taking with her almost half of her 135 passengers and crew, most of who were sound asleep at the time of the collision.

The cause of the tragedy was investigated by officials of the Savannah Line after they had a chance to interview many of the surviving passengers and crew. They determined that the collision resulted from the dense fog and the fact that the City of Athens was traveling in a "blackout" condition due to the state of war that existed in May of 1918. Even though the continental coast of the United States had not been physically invaded, the U-Boat arm of the Imperial German Navy had already made its presence felt in the coastal communities along the eastern seaboard. Many steamships and tankers had fallen victim to the predatory skills of the U-Boat crews, especially along the Jersey shore. The constant threat of German subs cast a spectre of intimidation to any vessel

venturing seaward without protective escort. Indeed, only a month later in June of 1918, a single U-Boat sunk six schooners and steamships in one day, among them being the Carolina, Texel and Edward Cole which were covered in last year's installment of the Atlantic Wreck series.

Perhaps the best indication of the intensity of this marine tragedy can be related through the stories of the surviving eyewitnesses. Let's go back in time now to May of 1918, and relive some of the accounts that were part of New York Times coverage of the event.

The lead story covers the marine casualty in general detail, describing how the steel bow of the much larger and heavier warship cut through the side of the steamer like paper, making a huge hole that allowed a cascade of sea water to pour in unopposed to the ship's hold, sealing her fate in a matter of seconds. The City of Athens sunk so quickly that the La Glorie didn't have time to launch a single rescue craft before the steamer disappeared beneath the sea.

Three lifeboats were freed from their davits, but one capsized when it hit the water, with most of those on board being drowned. Those on deck attempting to free the remaining lifeboats were sucked under when the steamer went down and many of these passengers perished also. Some of those who survived the collision and sinking of the City of Athens, still had to contend with the cool 50 degree water temperatures and the darkness

and fog that impeded rescue efforts. Some of those who were clinging to debris and wreckage for hours while they drifted and waited for help eventually succumbed to the elements and were lost.

The New York Times story picks up the action: "All of the passengers and many of the crew were asleep when the crash occurred. The shock, which appeared to lift the steamer out of the water, combined with the grinding of steel plates ripped out of the side of the boat and the splintering and snapping of woodwork, was sufficient to indicate to all, who were roughly awakened from sleep, that the ship would not last more than a few minutes.

"Most of the passengers rushed up on deck with life preservers slipped over their night clothes and some with overcoats and slippers on. The women were hastily put into lifeboats and life rafts, as fast as they could be got off. French sailors and American marines, who were among the passengers, together with three young sailors of the United States Naval Reserve, who were being trained for commissions, joined in saving passengers.

"According to several marines some of the life-saving apparatus did not appear to act properly. The cause of the capsizing of one of the boats was reported to be the breaking of a rope. Others struck the water so close upon the sinking of the steamer that they were caught in the swell which it created and swamped.

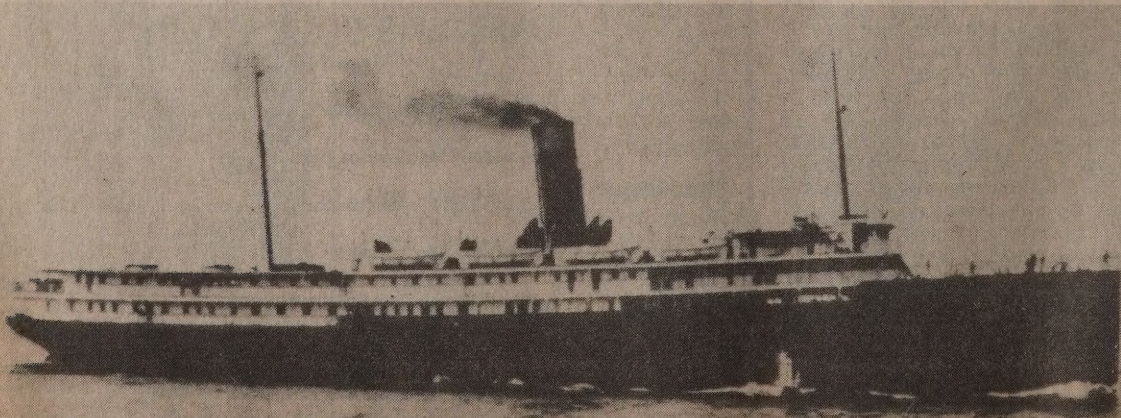


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"F.J. Doherty, the wireless operator, reported among the missing, is said by passengers to have stayed at his post sending out S.O.S. signals until he went down with the ship. The relief operator, C.W. Volmer, was saved. The French ship, whose bow was badly battered by the crash, drew back at once after the collision and rescuing launches and rowboats were put over at once. French sailors rowed about, guided by the shouts of survivors in boats and hanging upon wreckage, until the big searchlights could be brought into play.

"Beams of light then swept over a moderately rough sea for several hundred feet on each side of the spot where the collision had occurred. As soon as it revealed the head of a man afloat the beam remained fixed on the figure in the water until it could be seen that a rescuing boat was on the way toward it. Then the searchlight began to swing slowly to and fro."

John L. Wilson, a 19-year-old who had just enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, told his story of the disaster as follows:

"I was fast asleep and dreaming when my dream was broken by a terrific crash. I jumped out of bed and looked out of the window. I heard a bugle from the French boat and I shook my partner in the bunk above—a man by the name of Graham—and told him he had better hurry. Somehow I could not make him understand. He just rubbed his eyes, yawned and wanted to turn over and go to sleep again. I learned later that he was drowned.

"On running out on deck I found the boat listing far to port and a group of men, with a woman among them, struggling like mad with a lifeboat. A crowd of them got in with the woman, but just as I arrived a rope or something broke, the lifeboat turned clear over and every one in it tumbled into the water. Feeling the steamer sinking I didn't think it was worthwhile bothering about lifeboats, so I slid down a pole to the deck below and just as I was about to leap off the rail a big wave piled over the side and swept me overboard. When I rose to the surface I found myself looking right into the eye of a searchlight.

"That gave me hope and I started to swim toward the ship. On my way I met a French sailor in the water, who was one of the passengers on our boat, and who was holding onto a box. I asked him if he would mind if I took hold of the box too. He could not understand what I said, but nodded his head and I promptly grabbed hold. Then with one hand on the box and the other to his mouth, the French sailor would raise himself out of the water and shout 'Sauve! Sauve!' toward the warship. Finally the French sailors heard him and one of their boats came out and picked us up.

"Ned Rogoff of Springfield, Mass. another marine, was sleeping in the same stateroom state room with Samuel Ginsberg of 1451 Crotons

CITY OF ATHENS

Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: May 1, 1918
Length: 300+ feet
Beam: 40+ feet
Displacement: 3,649 gross tons
Hull: Steel
Type of Vessel: Steamship
Depth of Water: 110 feet
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Place, New York, who was drowned. Rogoff awoke when he heard Ginsberg fall out of his bunk. Half asleep, he heard Ginsberg say something about, "a woman crying out on deck."

"Ginsberg went out," said Rogoff. "He seemed very much worried about the woman, so I dressed and followed as quickly as I could. I put on my trousers, my coat and my shoes. I got into the saloon deck and found that the boat was listing, with the stern rising fast. At the upper end of the saloon a woman came from one of the state rooms, and as soon as she saw me, she rushed down and seized me around the neck, begging me to save her. The boat continued to list downward and I felt my feet sliding from under me.

"With the woman still around my neck I tried to grab for a table in the saloon, and finally succeeded in seizing hold of the foot of the piano, with the woman, who had fallen to the floor, holding on to my foot. The piano began to slide, too and down we went all three of us: the woman, myself and the piano.

"We banged against something and I don't know what happened, but the next moment I was out on deck, rushing toward a lifeboat, which some men were just about to put off. I was on the point of getting into it when one of the ropes gave way and everybody in it was hurled into the water.

"Rogoff said he then climbed up to the highest point of the deck above water and found a life raft, lashed to the deck. He decided to cling to it, and did so for a minute or two, when according to his story, he heard

something that sounded very much like a terrific boiler explosion, after which he found himself still clinging to the raft, but in the water, with a man and a woman holding on to the other side of the raft, the woman pleading with her husband to save himself and let her go.

"These two, I learned later, had two children on board one of whom was drowned," said Rogoff. "Apparently the explosion or whatever it was, had separated the raft from the deck.

"We saw several lifeboats pass us and shouted, but none of them would stop. I guess they thought we were well enough provided for with the raft. It was not until I yelled to one boat that we had a woman with us that it stopped and we would not let it pass until we all got aboard."

One more tale of survival at sea came from another of the U.S. Marines who used his instincts and training to make the best of the unforeseen situation. Frederick L. King was thrown out of his bunk by the collision. Awakening his roommate in the bunk above, he started to put on his life preserver when someone passed his window and asked if he were practicing. King and his buddy, Harold L. Cooper went out on deck to find the ship listing at an angle of about 30 degrees. "I climbed to the highest part of the ship," said King, "and then there was nothing to do but let go and slide down the whole length of the deck and land in the water to find right within reach a floating door and a nice, soft cushion on top of it. I climbed on the top of the cushion and sat there, feeling quite

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comfortable and as secure as the circumstances would permit and just waited to see what would happen next.

"After floating around for 15 minutes there emerged out of the sea what looked to me very like half of the upper deck, with a cupola-shaped pilot house and everything ride side up. If offered an even more inviting perch than I had so I swam out to it and got on top of the cupola. Pretty soon a young naval cadet swam up and got aboard with me and started to give me a lot of pointers as to how to keep from freezing by lifting my feet out of the water and moving my arms around. I following his directions and we sat there, watching a lot of things floating by us in the fog.

"Now it would be a man, sometimes a woman, holding on to a box, and almost the last thing I saw were four negroes sitting on an overturned lifeboat and praying at the top of their voices.

"After being passed by several lifeboats, whose occupants would pay no attention to them, King and the naval cadet were finally discovered by the searchlight and a boat from the warship picked them up.

"Albert M. Thibodeau of Waterville, Me., was awakened by the rush of water into his cabin. Armed with life preservers, he and his roommate rushed out on deck, where Thibodeau was swept overboard by a heavy swell. He got hold of a box with a rope attached to it. Another man was holding on to it, and Thibodeau saw that his companion had little strength to struggle, so he grabbed hold of the rope and started to swim for the searchlight, pulling the man with him."

And so go the many individual stores of herosism and heartbreak that combine to make this one of the most emotional of tragedies to be covered in the Atlantic Wreck Series.

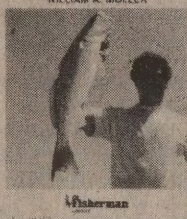
From a fishing standpoint, the City of Athens lies in 110 feet of water just a few miles west of the 20 fathom curve that snakes north paralleling the Jersey shoreline. Certainly this is a popular route for migrating pelagic species, especially so for mako sharks the early weeks of June and into July. Two other wrecks along this popular migration path have already produced makos this year as of early June and they are the Varanger (28 mile wreck) and the R.P. Resor, so you see the value of giving this a shot for shark drifting. Later in the season, you can expect to find a few white marlin and various members of the inshore tuna clan, once the waters warm up their liking. If fishing for local groundfish, expect to find cod, pollock, hake, blackfish and sea bass in season, as well as the ever present schools of marauding bluefish.

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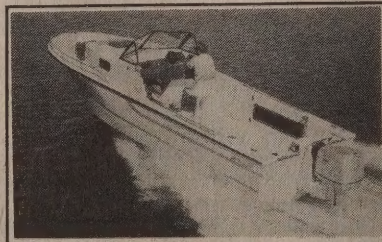
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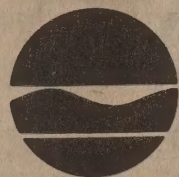
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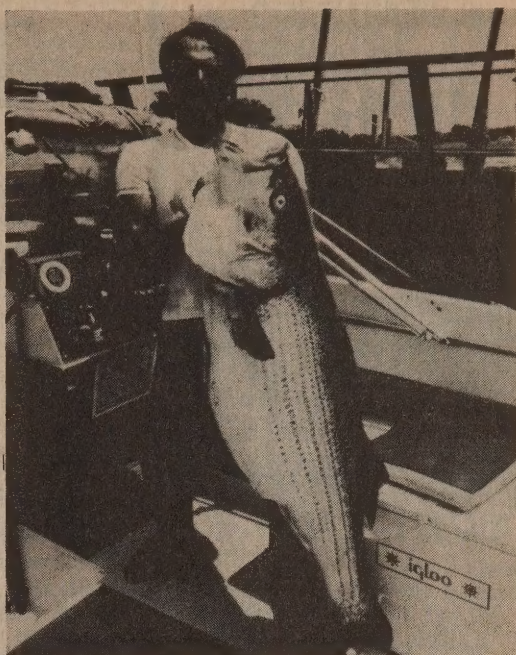
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THE JOYS OF FISH CLEANING

by Matt Ahern

**Cleaning your catch at days end need not
be the chore some anglers make it out to be.**

One humid afternoon some summers ago, I spent an enlightening and interesting few minutes at Bradley's Fishing Station (which is no longer in operation, sad to say). I figured this would be a good place to cool off and also kill two birds with one stone. One, I find it difficult to stay away from saltwater and two, my ever-lovin' threatened to give me what for if I didn't stop moping about the house and get out from under her busy feet. Company coming, and all that.

Anyway, I had just loaded my pipe when I spotted three fishermen returning in one of the rental skiffs. In reply to my question on how the fishing had gone, one of the happy fishermen, he with the largest grin, told me they had taken 18 nice fluke, plus six weakfish while drifting Shinnecock Inlet's East Channel. "Pretty good, huh?" he said. Yes, indeed. especially those weaks which were an easy three or four pounds apiece.

A mesh bag containing their catch was left at the fish cleaning table while they busied themselves putting their gear in the car. As anything related to fishing is always interesting to a dedicated fisherman, I decided to hang around and watch the fish cleaning operation.

I use the words "fish cleaning," but after they'd finished, fish butchery would have been more appropriate. In record time these happy-go-lucky fellows had reduced those dandy fluke and those beautiful weakfish into a ragged-looking mess. I was sorely tempted to offer advice, but as discretion is claimed to be the better part of valor, I restrained from comment and decided that watching, with an occasional grimace for emphasis, would be as far as I'd go.

Each took a shot at the mayhem being inflicted upon the poor fish. Finally, I could no longer stand it, especially when the third fellow, he of the big grin, whose turn was next, cheerfully admitted he couldn't do

"as good a job" as his buddies. It was time to leave.

I suppose such scenes are common and there's little doubt that those of us fishing for any length of time have witnessed such fellows in action. But between you, me and that proverbial lamppost, doesn't it seem ridiculous for fishermen to go through the heartache and frustrating efforts of learning how to catch fish, only to fall by the wayside when it comes to the final aspect of the day's sport: the actual cleaning of the catch? Especially is this so when the job can be accomplished so easily.

I intended to use the word "chore" in the above paragraph instead of the word "job," but upon reflection I don't believe there's one dedicated fisherman who considers this highly important detail a chore. In fact, most good fishermen enjoy the effort, some even going so far as to eagerly look forward to it. And listen, what better way to learn just what those fish were feeding on? Not interested in that? Well...if you're not, I can tell you a simple truth: you won't go far in the fishing game. Sorry to be so blunt about it, but it is true.

Fish-cleaning isn't a bit difficult. It only becomes so when heavy-handed tactics are used. If you doubt this, watch a skilled fisherman clean a mess of fish. You will see him obtain spectacular results with nothing else but a good fish-scaler and knife. Rarely will you see him use a heavy shears to cut off the dorsal and anal fins, as is often recommended in Sunday newspaper supplement articles on fish cleaning. These articles are usually written by armchair fishermen who wouldn't know a blackfish from a sea bass, or a flounder from a fluke. To use a shears on dorsal and anal fins will leave behind small, sharp, throat-gagging bone embedded in the flesh. But what do those fellows care—they aren't eating the fish!

If our skilled fisherman intends to fillet his catch, he will then use a fillet

knife; not some kitchen reject. He knows also that to use a fillet knife for decapitation and other bone cutting work is to ruin the knife—sometimes beyond repair. Our good fisherman puts his trust in a much heavier knife for this. Many swear by a butcher's boning knife for this task. I also find it ideal for the heavier work.

Because it is more convenient to leave the offal behind than it is to remove it later from the kitchen furniture (thus keeping you-know-who in a happy frame of mind), most fishermen use the facilities of the fishing station. It is also more satisfying to the fisherman to arrive home, jump into the shower, have supper, relax and doze off in that comfortable upholstered chair, than it is to have the nagging thought of impending fish cleaning uppermost on his mind.

I sometimes think the above is the reason for much fish butchery. The tired fisherman just wants to get the job over with—and I can't say I blame him, for I've been there, too.

The average fisherman wants to get the effort over with as quickly as possible and still do a satisfactory job. With that in mind I'll give you a rundown on how I clean my fish. If you use this method, you should have no difficulty finishing as quickly as possible and still produce good results.

To start, we'll use round fish—round fish meaning all but fluke and flounder.

Scale all fish before you attempt the actual gutting. You'll save much time if you do this. When this is completed, wash the fish to remove slippery scales and slime—preferably in saltwater.

Then select a fish and grasp it firmly by the head. Insert the boning knife (or a similar knife) completely through, just aft of the pectoral fin. This is the fin at the middle of each fish near the gill cover. Angle the knife toward the vent and slice through. This will leave you with the intestines and most of the rib cage in one piece. Now cut off the head and you will have completely gutted and decapitated your fish with but two quick passes of the knife. Once you get the hang of it, this should take no more than ten seconds per fish.

I mentioned about not using shears and gave the reason why it wasn't a good idea to do so. But if you still want to de-fin your fish, here's how to do it. Simply make a continuous cut through the skin on both sides of the fin you wish to remove. Then make a cut at the tail end of the fin at a slight inward angle. Use either the knife blade or a rag and lift the fins out with a ripping motion. You will have removed all the small bones which are a potential hazard at meal time. You can now eat your fish with much less worry and small bone picking.

Soft-rayed fish such as ling don't seem to give much trouble at the table, but their fins may be removed in the same manner if desired. It is the hard, thick-spined fish such as sea

bass, blackfish and porgies that cause most trouble.

You can quickly fillet these fish once the head and intestines are removed. (Learn to fillet—especially if you have children.)

If this is your intention, it is unnecessary to remove the dorsal and anal fins. Simply slice the meat from each side by starting at the shoulder near the dorsal fin, working toward the tail. To remove the opposite side, turn fish over and begin at tail-end, continuing to shoulder. Always check for rib bones, which are sometimes left behind.

If you intend to fillet your fish, don't bother to scale. Lay the fillet down, skin side on board and make a shallow cut about a half inch in from the tail through the meat. Be careful you don't cut into the skin. Using the half inch slice as a handle, place the knife at an angle and pull the skin against the blade with short, sideways motions. The skin will separate from the meat with ease. If it is sharp enough, you can use your boning knife for this.

Below is a quick rundown on how to fillet flounder and fluke.

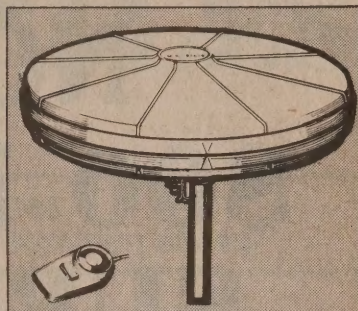
Lay fish on board, top side up for fluke, bottom side for flounder. (Because flounder are right-handed and fluke left-handed, they are easier to fillet when in these positions.) Use a good fillet knife and make a diagonal cut from the upper shoulder toward you, skirting the gut cavity. Next, make a long slice along the center of the fish (you'll find a natural line to guide you—this contains the fish's "ears"). Continue this cut to tail. Beginning at center, slice the meat from the frame, always working toward the outside fin lines. Do the same on the opposite side. With this method, you will get four slices from each fish.

To get two larger pieces instead of four small ones (this, of course, depends upon how large the fish is), make a diagonal cut as described before and then a half inch in from the edge of the top fin, make a long continuous cut to the tail. Start at the shoulder and remove the first slice. Reverse fish, head toward you, and make the initial cuts as before, then start at tail and work to shoulder and remove fillet. (Sounds easier than it is, I know, but these are the basic cuts. One of these days I'll have an article with photos to show you the finer details.)

Running water supplied at most fish cleaning tables should be used to full advantage. If it is fresh water, I think you will be better off getting several buckets of saltwater and use this for washing your fish. Freshwater quickly turns saltwater fish soft and soggy. Drain for a few minutes and carefully pack so that no leakage occurs when transporting.

Practice these methods a few times this season. I know you'll do a good job and I'll guarantee you one thing: You'll become an expert fish-cleaner, not a fish-butcher!

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GEARING UP FOR THE ROCKPILES

by Russ Wilson

Fishing the coastal jetties requires specialized equipment and a good dose of common sense.

A long time ago, during our misspent youth, we discovered the thrills that go with saltwater fishing. Back then, we did not have too much money to spend on the extras, and if we did lay our hands on any extra cash it was usually invested in a couple of new Creek Chub Surfsters or maybe a Hopkins or two.

Like most, we fished from the jetties or cast our baits and lures from the sand. When negotiating the rocks we usually wore a set of well used creepers, carried a neck lamp of the style used by coal miners, and had some type of homemade gaff to stick a big fish if we happened to get lucky. That, and a Calcutta rod and Penn Beachmaster comprised our fishing arsenal and with those bare necessities we managed to catch enough stripers, blues and blackfish to keep the family in fresh fish throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Incidentally, we carried our extra plugs, metals and bucktails in a jacket pocket and usually had our supply of bait tucked into a bait box of the type seen in use among freshwater anglers. The name of the game was mobility and anything that had to be hand held was usually too cumbersome to bother with, so it was left at home or stowed in the trunk of the old Chevy sedan.

Today's jetty jock has a lot more going for him. Rods are much lighter in weight and have more versatility, reels are machined to closer tolerances and fishing lines are light years ahead of the Irish linen we used during the war years until nylon came into its own as a superior fishing line material.

Some things, however, never change. The jetties are just as dangerous as they were, and anglers who don't pay attention to what they are doing are just as likely to suffer a mishap.

If you are going to fish the rocks you must have some basic items to ensure safety as well as allowing you to enjoy the fishing. The most important item, in our opinion, is a good set of jetty spikes. These can be glued to the existing sole of a pair of hip boots or waders, or you can use the strap-on type which attaches to the boots via a leather strap which wraps



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around and over the top of the foot and is held in place with a buckle. Slip on type creepers are also available. We've used some with good results and others that had us worried from the moment we stepped upon the rocks.

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Rain gear is another item that is a must if you plan to fish the rocks for

game fish. Most game fish species are active during periods of rough weather. Easterly winds, heavy rains, fog and in general, miserable weather, brings out the feeding urge in stripers and blues. And, if you hope to become successful at catching these fish you better be prepared to fish during inclement weather. That means having good foul weather gear and the common sense to wear it when the weather dictates its use.

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A lot of striped bass hounds fish the after dark tides. This can be tricky for those who do not carry some type of light to guide them safely around breaks in the jetty, most covered spots and slick rocks near the water's edge. We used a miner's type neck lamp for over 15 years and had no problem whatsoever with it corroding or failing to work properly. But, the miner's lamp required four D cell batteries that were carried in a hip pocket. The wire leading from the battery pack was attached to the lamp and every so often it would get tangled in our fishing line and cost us a plug, rigged eel or metal when we made a cast and the line popped.

Today we carry a jury rigged waterproof flashlight that is light in weight and can be carried around the neck via a light strap of nylon or Velcro. When the light is needed we can hand hold it or brace it beneath our chin which leaves both hands free to re-tie knots, change lures or replace baits. I think the flash light cost about six bucks and the strap set us back another deuce or so. For about eight bucks it is the most reliable light we've ever had.

Everyone has particular preferences when it comes to selecting fishing rods and reels. Jetty jocks tend to go with a rod that is no longer than nine feet from tip to butt and most feel eight feet is plenty long enough to handle the usual array of plugs, metals and bucktails. Bait fishermen may go slightly longer (the nine foot rods), but even they will pick an eight foot rod for most of their jetty work with clams, worms or cut bait.

Spinning or conventional casting reels will get the job done satisfactory for most purposes. We've always been partial to the old-fashioned revolving spool reels since they do give more control when using live baits such as herring, bunker or eels, but many of today's highly advanced spinning reels also offer a certain degree of control and some, such as the Shimano Bait Runner Series can be used when live lining since they allow you to "free spool" line as a fish is taking the live bait.

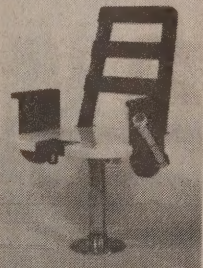
At night, spinning equipment definitely holds a slight edge over the revolving spool reels since there is less chance of having the reel backlash. On the plus side also, spinning tackle is usually lighter to carry and somewhat easier to cast. On an average night of jetty fishing you might make several hundred casts and after a few hours of slinging eels or plugs that lighter weight does make a difference in how tired your arms and shoulders will feel.

Many of the swimming type plugs, metals and bucktails that are in use today weigh less than an ounce and some barely hit the half ounce mark. Spinning enthusiasts who like to use

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these lightweight lures find it is easier to cast them with the spinning gear than when using revolving spool type reels. And, in the case of the pencil popper type plugs it is necessary to use spinning to get the correct action from the lure. You just cannot work a conventional rod and reel setup with enough zip to make a pencil popper do its come-hither dance on the surface.

So, when selecting tackle that is suitable for surf or jetty work you must take all of these variables into consideration before plunking down your hard earned (or otherwise) cash. A good rod and reel either spinning or conventional, is going to set you back at least a hundred bucks. When you are laying out that kind of cash you better know what you are getting for your money.

Back in the mid-50s, we saw a lot of jetty fishermen using Army surplus gas mask bags to carry their terminal rigs, plugs, metals and other lures and baits. At the time these heavy canvas bags sold for whatever the surplus outlet owner can get. If you hassled the store owner long enough you could buy the bag for a couple of bucks and both he and you felt satisfied that one had conned the other.

Today, you can find jetty bags that have aluminum inserts for plugs, sleeved pouches to carry metals and leaders and even some that are designed to carry baits as well as the plugs and metals. They do cost considerably more than the two dollars we

spent on the surplus item, but you do get a lot more for your money. Most bait and tackle shops that cater to the surf and jetty set will have this type shoulder bag in stock or you can purchase them through a mail order house if none of the local stores have them in stock.

A lot of big bass are lost each season because some otherwise knowledgeable angler forgot to carry a gaff. We've all been there, maybe you've fished a half dozen jetties without so much as a sniff from the bass, blues or weakies. You don't really feel like carrying the gaff out on one more jetty so you leave it in the trunk or in the back of the pick-up.

Wouldn't you know it, that is the exact time a trophy size bass decides to nab your rigged eel or plug. You've got the fish whipped and swimming feebly alongside the jetty and you reach for the gaff only to discover you left it behind. Chances are, you won't forget the gaff again, but when you are about to lose a bragging size striper that really is not too important.

A lot of experienced jetty jocks make their own gaffs because the commercially manufactured products just do not fit the needs of a jetty fisherman. As a rule you will be fishing from an elevated position on the rocks and when your prize bass or blue comes to the jetty defeated you will have to climb down to stick the fish or you will be forced to walk the fish to the wash and force it onto the

sand. Even when beaching a large fish it is suggested you stick it with the gaff to make sure it does not get back into the water. A lot of trophy size stripers have been lost because they felt the sand rubbing their belly and made one last attempt to escape and on their last ditch effort they were successful.

There is a lot of interest in releasing striped bass these days and for good reason. Chesapeake Bay stocks are dangerously low and only the Hudson River strain of striped bass is providing new fish into the ranks each spring. If you are among the group of bass fishermen who release their catch, you can still use a gaff to get the fish safely ashore without causing undue harm to the fish. Try to sink the gaff into the area directly below the mouth. This is not a critical area and most fish that are gaffed in the mouth or beneath the chin will survive none the worse for wear.

Bass or blues that are destined for release should be handled with care and gently placed into the water until they regain their balance and are swimming upright. Any fish that does not right itself in a matter of minutes is probably going to die. Rather than waste these fish, take them from the water and kill them quickly.

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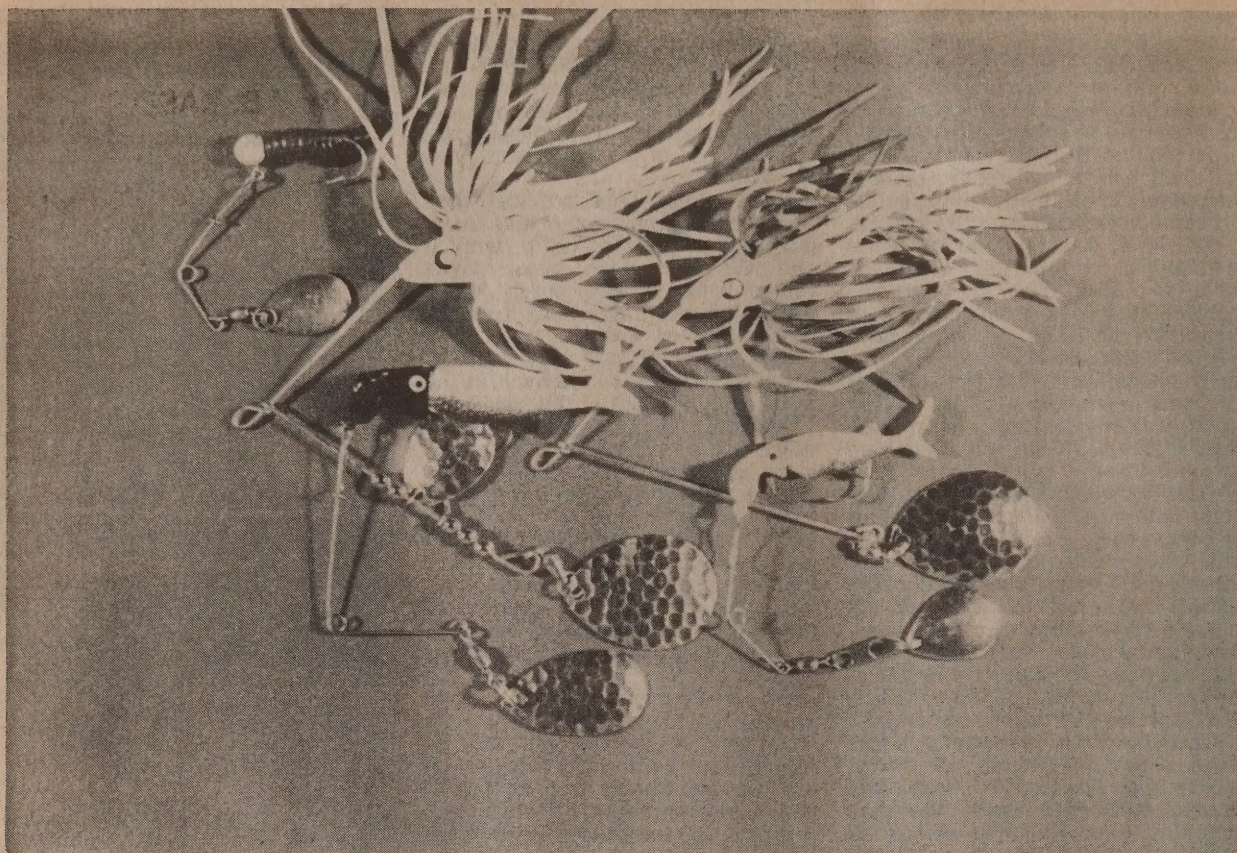
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SPINNERBAIT TRICKS

by J.B. Kasper

Now that the summer season is in full swing and the warm balmy days are starting to take their toll on our local waters, much of the fishing for ol' bucketmouth is in places that have cover to cut down on the high amounts of light penetration that beats the water day after day. You know, the fishy looking places that can really gobble up those expensive lures that decorate most tackle boxes. Well, I know that most of you are going to say that you can get at the fish that haunt these places by using rubber worms rigged weedless and you are right. But if the good old rubber worm fails, can you back it up with something else? If you have a good selection of spinnerbaits, then the answer is yes. Spinnerbaits are not only great for places like the ones that I have mentioned, but they are also one of the most versatile lures that has ever been invented. Just why is anybody's guess. After all, they don't resemble anything that can be found in the fresh waters of this state or, for that matter, anywhere else. Regardless, their fish catching powers have become almost legendary in recent

years, so let's take a look at some of the where's, hows and whys of spinnerbait fishing.

Many of the newer lakes and man-made reservoirs are just chockful of old willow trees and other debris that was left in them when the water was finally allowed to back up behind the dam and bring the lake to full capacity. The first few years after the lake is allowed to remain full, these submerged trees and brush piles are some of the most productive areas. During the early morning hours, many of the bass that spend most of the daytime down under the cover of these tree tops move towards the surface to feed on the smaller bait fish that pick up the bugs and other insect life that fall into the tops that are still above the water. This is the time of day when the bass are most vulnerable to the charms of the spinnerbait. Casting your spinnerbaits among the tree tops can produce some very smashing catches as the bass smack at the moving object. The one thing that I noticed about spinnerbaits when I use them among the tree tops is that the type of spinnerbait with a

double blade works best. With the single bladed lure, the blade can quite often become fouled up on the moss that can also be found in among the tree branches. This can destroy the action of the lure. However, if one blade on the double-bladed one becomes fouled, the other will still spin. After the bass move down into the tree tops and away from the surface, a good number of them can be found around the edges of the submerged trees. Here they will lay in ambush on any unsuspecting prey that happens to come their way. The edges of these submerged trees are another prime place for the spinnerbait. There are many theories about what color works best down along the bottom in 10 or 15 feet along these tree tops. Over the years I have found that during the early season, white is the prime color. This you will find especially true during spawning season. Once the warmer waters of summer start taking hold, chartreuse seems to be a better bet if the water is gin clear, as it can get at this time. During the late hours of the day, dark colors such as black and red and black

seem to have an edge. When it comes to speed control fishing them deep along this type of structure, some of the best catches that I have seen have come when a fisherman retrieved them with only enough speed to keep the blades moving. I have also found that the single-bladed spinnerbait works better than the double bladed version in this method.

Another prime place for the spinnerbait is along the many weed lines that form during the summer months. Candoaks, lily pads and other vegetation can become matted at this time of the year, making fishing in these areas tough. The spinnerbait is an ideal weapon to use along such structures because when fished properly, it can be almost weedless. Just as in fishing the tree tops, the spinnerbait can be used in several different ways. My favorite way of fishing them along weed lines is to cast them parallel to the weed lines and retrieve them at a moderate speed. The one mistake that most fishermen make when fishing a weed line is to make the longest cast that they can make on their first try. As a result, if they hook a fish on the first cast, they usually spook any fish that is in-between where the first fish was hooked and where the angler is standing. A better way of fishing your spinnerbait, or any other lure for that matter, is to start with a short cast and then increase your distance with each successive cast. Working your way down the weed line will allow you to take more than one fish without spooking the others that may be along the weed line.

When it comes to spinnerbaits and weed lines, there is one specific condition that you should never pass up when it becomes available to you. During the summertime when the waters draw down because of a high evaporation rate, the vegetation becomes matted and almost impenetrable. The flash rains which sometimes occur during the summer months can raise the water level in smaller lakes and ponds and this higher water level will put a few inches of water between the weeds and the surface. During the early mornings, late evenings and throughout the night, the bass will move into this layer of water, feeding on the smaller bait fish that also gather here. This type of weed bed structure is tailor made for spinnerbaits. Casting your lure across these areas and retrieving them at a good pace, holding your rod tip high and keeping the lure just under the surface, can give you some nice catches of bass and pickerel. Spinnerbaits retrieved in this manner will throw a wake for the fish to home in on. Another good way of working a spinnerbait through this type of vegetation is to move it over the areas that I have mentioned and then allow it to sink into the holes that are also found just under the surface. Many times bass will lay in these holes, waiting for a meal to pass by overhead. Most of your hits will come as the spinner-

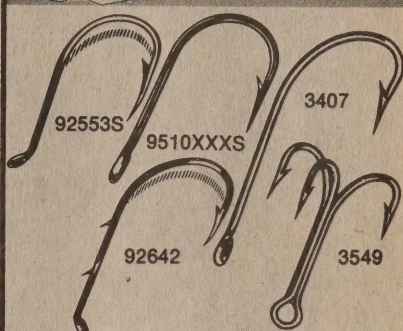
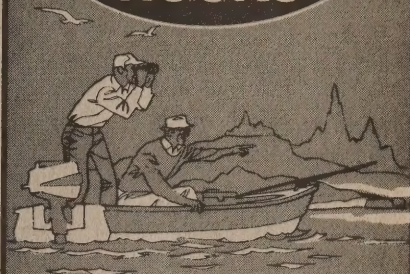
bait dips into the hole. One good thing about fishing this type of vegetation is that you can use it to your advantage when you are fighting a good sized fish. Once the bass has taken the lure, he will go down into the vegetation to try to avoid capture. Once he gets there he will become entangled in it, and if you are using the right gear you can pin him in it and move your boat up to him and scoop him up with a good sized net. Conventional gear with 10 or 12 lb. test is your best bet to free him from his weedy entanglement. Since a spinnerbait employs the use of a single hook, you don't have the other hooks that most lures have to get tangled in the vegetation, causing the lure to work its way free. This is one of the major reasons that the spinnerbait is so well suited for this type of fishing.

On many of the larger lakes, the shorelines are often dotted with boat docks and spinnerbaits make ideal lures to use in and around them. One of the best ways of using a spinnerbait near boat docks is to cast it onto the dock and then slowly pull it off and allow it to fall into the water, right next to the dock and flutter to the bottom. Once the lure begins its descent, you should watch your line closely, as the bass will often inhale it and quickly spit it out and you may only have a split second to set the hook. The reason a spinnerbait is suited for this type of fishing is that the blades of the lure will spin as it falls to the bottom. I have used this method on some of the bigger lakes with good results.

The last place that I would like to tell you about in relation to the use of spinnerbaits is the small rivers and streams that have good smallmouth populations. Clothespin spinnerbaits rigged with twister tails and other rubber baits, beetle spins and other similar small spinnerbaits will really produce at times. They can be cast down stream and retrieved slowly against the current, producing some savage hits from smallmouth and good sized panfish. You should retrieve them just fast enough to keep them bumping along the bottom. This will cause them to throw a trail of silt much the same as a small baitfish or crayfish would moving along the bottom.

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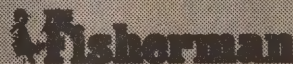
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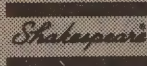
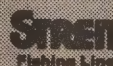
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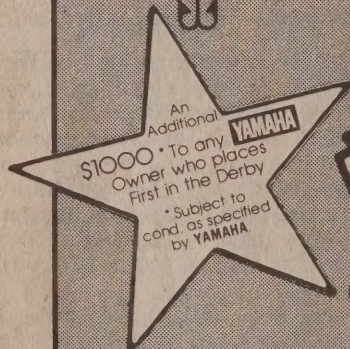
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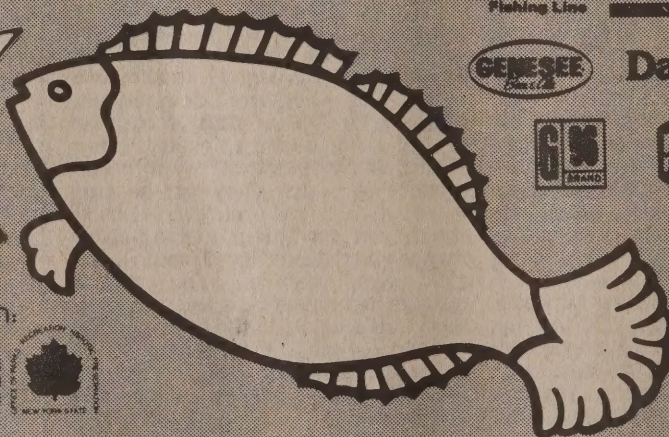


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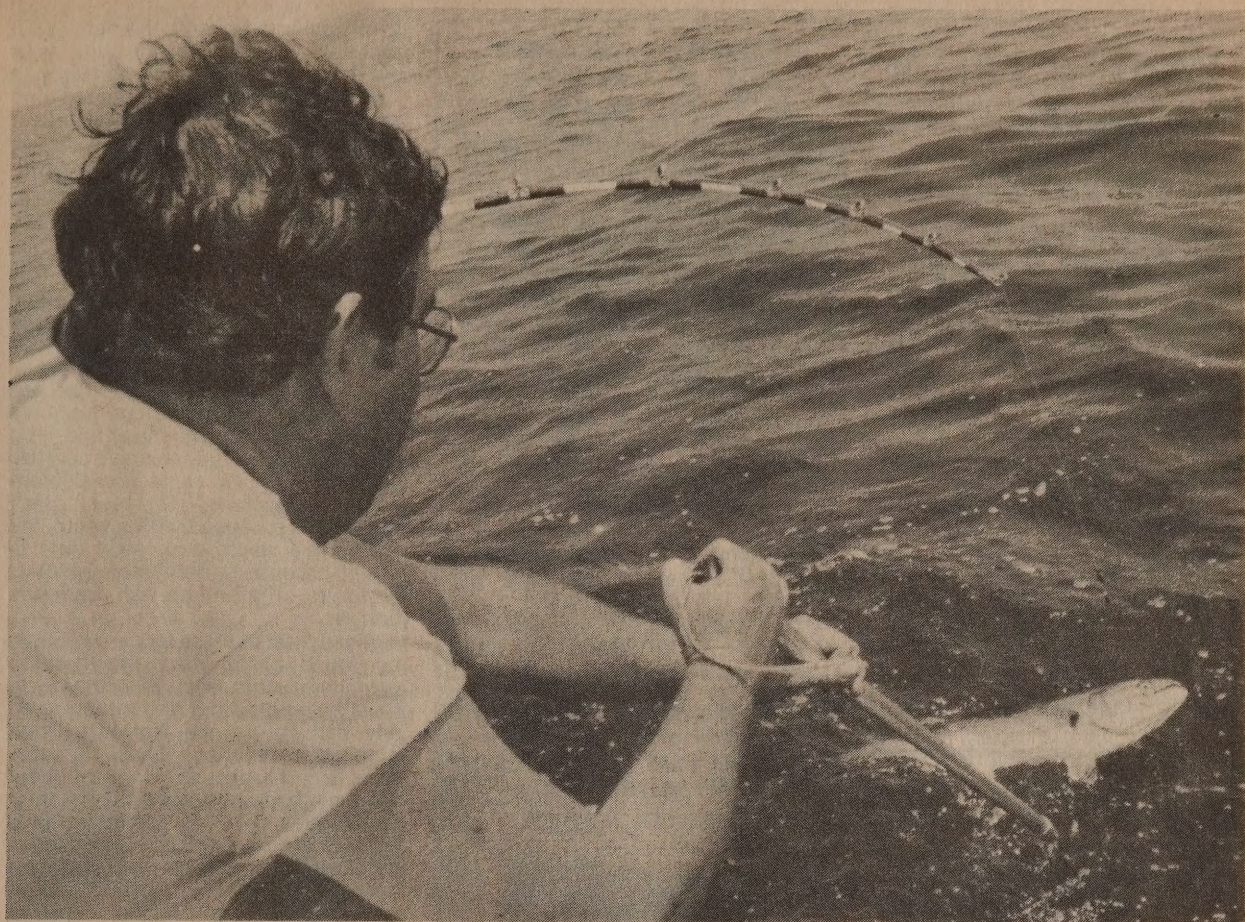
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SLAM DUNKING AT NORTON'S PONT

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

Most fishermen link big bluefish with deep water and chase them persistently many miles from shore. Without a doubt the first big "Slammers" brought back to the dock every season are usually the resultant by-catch of some early shark hunters caught well beyond the old three mile limit. While this is certainly true, knowledgeable New York Bight sharpies know that every summer slammer blues invade the deep water off Norton's Point and take up residence right off the western tip of Coney Island.

According to my "Mill Basin Connection," Tom Hastings and Jerry Rahn, these big blues usually arrive around the end of May and hang in there until late fall. During May and June this fishing is strictly a daytime affair. However, with the increasing summer boat traffic, and the rising water temperatures of July and August, the emphasis here quickly switches to night fishing. While the

whole New York Bight is jigging 3 to 5 lb. bluefish, Norton's Point surrenders some prime but lean 8 to 10 pounders on cut bait. We commonly refer to these fish as "headers." Long and lean bluefish that appear to be all head and of little girth. Give these voracious feeders a couple of months to fatten up and by the end of August these same fish will tip the scales well into the teens. By the time that first northeaster signals the start of their fall migration many of these bluefish will have attained trophy status.

If you doubt the reliability of this account, be advised the last two years a handful of contestants from the Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament concentrated on fishing Norton's Point while the rest of the fleet chose to run offshore to greener pastures. You guessed it: while most of the guys were roaming well offshore collecting 5 and 6 lb. specimens, the "Money Fish" came from The Point

both times. I should know; I had the dubious distinction of running 25 miles offshore for those tackle busting five pounders! 'Nuff said.

The only knock on this fishery is that it can be sporadic at times. If you're there when the fish are hungry, you better have a big cooler on board. At times when it's just a pick, said cooler better be filled with food, ice and much liquid refreshment!

These big blues boldly roam around the point and pick off bunker that's been transformed into hapless prey courtesy of the strong currents flushing through the Narrows and emptying into Ambrose Channel. Most of the time these fish will be found hugging the bottom somewhere between the Coney Island Flats and the Red Side of the Ambrose Channel. If you run some ranges parallel to Red Buoys #16 and 18 and gradually work

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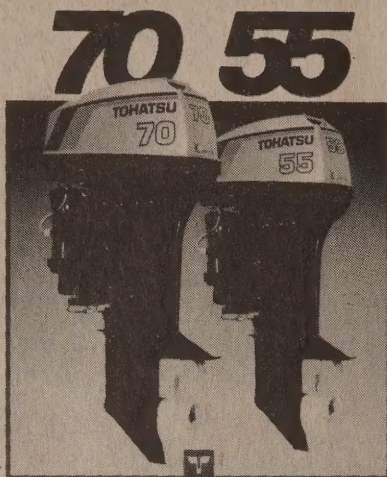
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your way west towards the flats you'll probably "find" the fish with your chart recorder. This is virtually a "seek and ye shall find" proposition, so make sure you designate a crew member to keep their eyes glued to that recorder. You can also try criss-crossing the contour line (which is easily identifiable on your chart) and concentrate searching water that's between 28 to 34 feet deep. You will also notice some water over 40 feet deep that's been known to hold some hefty choppers. At times, the fish will be so tight to the bottom that they might be mistaken for bottom structure by the untrained eye. For the most part the bottom around Norton's is comprised of gravel, sand and mud and is relatively flat, so don't confuse schooling fish for some non-existent bottom structure. If your chart recorder is equipped with a white line mode, this would be a good time to use it because it definitely makes it easier to differentiate fish from the bottom.

Since most of these fish are going to be found at or near the bottom, obviously some sort of bottom rig must be employed if you intend to do any damage to the Norton's Point bluefish population. These Sheepsh-head Bay sharpies are fanatical about their methods and have honed their techniques down to something just short of an exact science. The classic fishfinder rig is used in conjunction with the standard 5 or 6/0 O'Shaughnessy bluefish hook as the preferred terminal tackle setup. You can use the inexpensive plastic fishfinder attachment (available in most tackle shops) or simply thread your line through the eye of a suitable weight bank sinker. This is sometimes referred to as the Sheepsh-head Bay Fish Finder Rig. Then take your bluefish hook (complete with barrel swivel and six inch trace of wire leader) and connect the small swivel to the end of your line with a carefully tied double improved clinch knot. This rig is preferred because the short trace of wire keeps the razor sharp dentures of a nasty bluefish away from your tender mond and it also allows a fish to pick up your bait and run unencumbered by all that lead. Speaking of lead, be forewarned that you're going to have to use plenty of it to hold the bottom at Norton's. Because of the confluence of currents from The Narrows, Staten Island and Sandy Hook, you'll probably need between 10 to 16 ounces of lead most of the time. Under the most ideal conditions, you might get away with 6 oz. sinkers, but don't count on it.

You'll need some substantial tackle to subdue these powerful fish, so in my mind, conventional tackle is the only way to go. Six or 6½ foot fast taper rods with medium to heavy tips and plenty of backbone are needed to counter the short, but powerful runs of these determined fish. My garcia Ambassadeur 7000 has served well under the strain of big fish for many years, but any reel equipped with a smooth, reliable drag system that has



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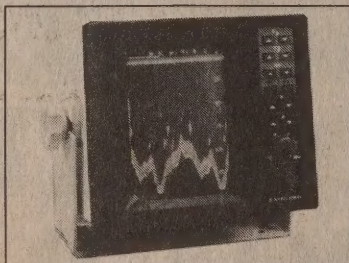
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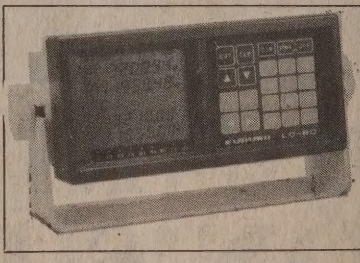
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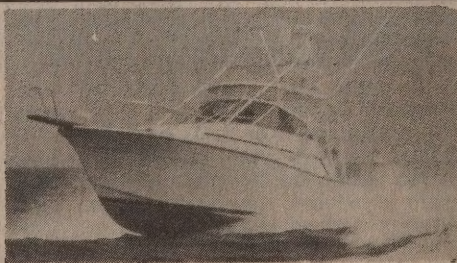
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Bunker or mackerel chunks account for the bulk of the catch, the fresher the better! Nothing can beat freshly snagged bunker cut into bite size chunks. Bunker that's a few hours old but that has been kept on ice is a good second choice but avoid using frozen bait if at all possible. Use it only as a last resort! If frozen bait is your only alternative, I would definitely recommend mackerel over bunker. Mackerel seem to freeze better than bunker. When chunking your baits try to cut them on an angle rather than straight across; this will give you a slightly larger bait. Hook the chunk through one side and out the other while cradling the backbone in the bend of the hook whenever possible.

With the bait on the bottom fish with your reel in free spool. When a fish picks up your bait, let him run with it for a few seconds. As soon as he stops, come tight and hit him hard by raising your rod tip sharply to drive that hook home. You'll have to keep pressure on the fish, but let him run if he wants to take line. Make him work against the rod. Your drag should be set at about 1/3 the breaking strength of your line. Resist the temptation to sock your drag down tight when the fish is close to the boat. Big bluefish are famous for trying to make that one

last dash for freedom when you think you got 'em beat. If you tighten your drag that last ditch effort may be just enough to pop the line. Gaffing should be done with one short, quick jab. Position the gaff head under the fish with the tip pointing up (somewhere around the middle of the fish) and lift sharply. That fish is now yours. Remember, guys, the bluefish is the only abundant game fish we have left. Let's be smart and conservation minded. Take only the fish you can use and return the rest unharmed to fight another day.

Bluefish are not the only species you'll find in residence at Norton's Point. A stray weakfish or an occasional striped bass is a distinct possibility. If you'd like to increase your chances of landing one of these beautiful gamesters, a little modification to your terminal tackle is all that's necessary. In lieu of that wire leader substitute a 4 to 6 foot long piece of 40 lb. mono which is snelled to a 4 or 5/0 treble hook. Try livelining a bunker hooked through the nostrils on this rig. Or you can use the aforementioned O'Shaughnessy hook without the wire leader for cut bait. You'll need the long mono leader to present the bait more delicately to these spooky game fish. Ordinarily I'd tell you to let a bass or weakfish pick up the live bait and run with it until after he makes his first stop. Then wait a few seconds more and set the hook. A bass or a weakfish needs

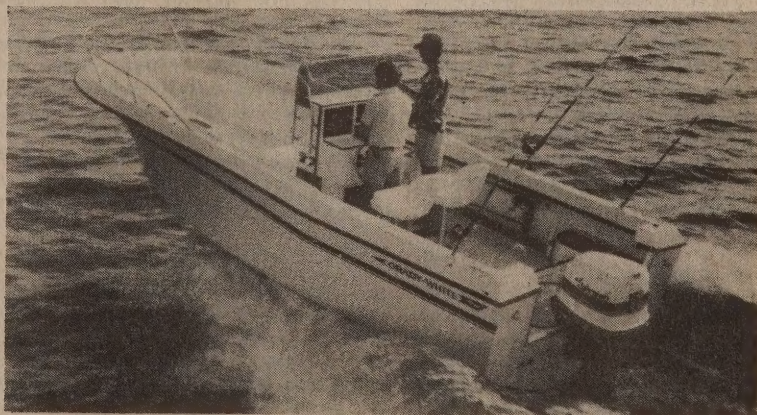
more time to swallow a bait than a bluefish does. The reason for this is they need time to stop and turn the bait around because they usually swallow it head first. They know they have to do it this way so the spines of the dorsal fin won't get stuck in their throat. Smart fish! However, at the time of this writing it is illegal to keep any striped bass that you catch. So currently this fishery is relegated to a purely catch and release operation. Any bass we catch we want to release unharmed, without re-arranging his insides. My advice is to play any fish like it's a big bluefish and hook 'em as soon as he stops that first run and hope for the best. Keep your camera ready to record the event and release the bass gently.

Another possibility at Norton's Point is a fluke of doormat proportions. Most likely these fluke will make off with a mackerel bait, either strips or chunks. If you should hook up to a fish that practically spools your reel, don't get excited. It is not uncommon to be tethered to a huge fish that you just cannot budge! Unfortunately, the odds of you breaking the IGFA World Tackle Record for bluefish is somewhat remote. Nonetheless, many strange breeds do prowl the bottom around Norton's Point under cover of darkness! Huge stingrays, 200 lb. nurse and dusky sharks are just some of the more exotic species you might encounter while slam dunking at Norton's Point!

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SOME STRANGE BUT DEADLY BAITS

by Sal Agliano

Ah, the simplicity of youth! When I was a mere youngster, dunking line into the many shallow ponds and streams of Brooklyn's Prospect Park, my bait needs for the day were of little concern. As long as I had a can full of earthworms and a pocketful of bread balls, I was in business! And when the worms failed to produce, those little rounds of gooey bread surely did the trick.

Then as the years passed and my fishing interests broadened considerably, I deserted the placid sweet water ponds and streams and headed for the roaring surf in pursuit of the many fascinating saltwater species the ocean's edge had to offer. Needless to say, my bait needs became more than an either/or situation.

But being an eager beaver in the game of fishing, I soon became familiar with the wide assortment of saltwater baits, committing to memory which baits caught which fish. As I delved more and more deeply into the sport, I discovered, however, that these traditional baits, at times, failed to produce or, at best, fared poorly and it was something out of the ordinary, something unusual that was needed to put a sudden spark back into the action.

For flounder, the usual baits are sand worms, blood worms, skimmer clams and mussels. During the course of a day's fishing, though, flounder may suddenly shift their attention from one bait to another. Worms, which had been accepted with much regularity all morning, by noon may be refused and in the latter part of the day, it may be mussels the flounder find tempting. Therefore, it is wise when flounder fishing to take along a variety of baits. But what do you do if the finicky flatfish decide to shun all traditional baits?

One approach is to put a little zest into an otherwise drab slice of skimmer clam by adding a few drops of food coloring. I usually carry along a mini-bottle of red or yellow food dye and when necessary, perform a little impromptu "doctoring" on board. Some fellows take the extra precaution by preparing a batch the night before.

To make a quart of this exotic flounder bait, shuck a dozen or so skimmers and slice the meat into bite size pieces. Put the clam slices into a waterproof plastic food bag, add three or four drops of food coloring and shake it all up until the color is evenly

blended. Transfer the dyed clam to a plastic deli container (the kind potato salad or cole slaw comes in). You should keep the bait in the refrigerator overnight, but before doing so, make sure the container is tightly covered and, of course, the lady of the house approves (I usually hide it behind the little box of Arm and Hammer). Choice of color depends much on the situation at hand, however, I've had better results with yellow dyed clam than with red.

Another yellow morsel that perks up flounders appetite when all seems lost is corn. Whether canned, frozen, or plucked right from the cob, baited corn kernels have turned many a so-so day on the water into a windfall. Some time ago researchers believed that flounder mistook baited corn for clam spat (larval stage of the bivalve). So far the winter flatfish has yet to tell the difference—and that's a big plug for us!

To bait corn, simply impale three or four kernels on the hook, sliding them past the barb. And if you really want to get those flounder licking their chops, try using corn as an accompaniment to worm or clam.

Corn kernels have been used successfully for flounder for many years, yet very few anglers realize their potential when fishing other species. Both porgies and snappers respond very well to baited corn.

I've even gone so far as to offer corn to blackfish. Unfortunately, my earnest efforts went unrewarded for those pesky bergalls—the scourge of blackfishermen—also took a fancy to the tiny, yellow morsels and each time my rig hit bottom, it was stripped clean before the blacks had a chance to sample.

Getting past the bergalls has been a problem shared by blackfishermen for many years. Some fellows overcome the handicap by baiting up with conch—or as my Neapolitan grandmother called it: scungilli! Conch is a large snail whose meat is as tough as an inner tube. Blacks love it and bergalls have a heck of a time pulling it off the hook. Conch is rarely found in tackle shops, so your best bet would be to stop at the local fish market the night before and pick up what you'll need for a day's fishing.

Pounding the conch out flat before slicing it into small strips seems to improve its presentation on the hook. Weave the hook several times through the bait allowing a small stub to trail

behind.

Occasionally unfavorable circumstances prompt us to engage in far-out ventures. Quite often in our attempts we fall flat on our faces, pack up gear and head home. Once in awhile, though, we come up with something, although highly unorthodox, that really works and a new chapter in our fishing experiences is written.

Such was the case some years ago while I was blackfishing in Mill Basin. I had arrived several weeks prior to the normal start of the blackfish season. In the past I had been lucky enough to pick up a pre-season haul of blackfish from various hotspots in Mill Basin while most anglers were still devoting their energies to flounder.

Well, the bait house owner in Mill Basin didn't share my optimism. His shack was nailed down shut and a note tacked to the door indicated it would be several weeks before the operation would be in full swing. I could have taken the time to hop over to Sheepshead Bay for bait, but having calculated the phases of the tide to my best advantage (the incoming tide was about to commence), I felt precious time would have been lost. Instead I strolled along the rock-strewn shoreline and in little time harvested a paiful of fresh mussels and steamer clams.

I baited up and dropped my rig in an area that had always produced well. But lo and behold, bergalls were again in great form and rapidly putting a dent in my hard-earned supply of bait. In an hour's time I had gone through all the mussels and all but half a dozen steamers.

As I hurriedly attempted to shuck one of the few remaining steamers, I carelessly cracked the shell. And at that precise moment, a light bulb flashed in my head. Why not rig the steamer whole—yes, shell and all! What did I have to lose! At the rate I was going I would soon be out of bait, anyway. Also, the tide was on the move and the area from which I had gathered bait had become inaccessible.

I tapped out a small crack on the opposite side of the steamer and worked my hook through one crack and out the other. With the exception of the cracks, the steamer was still intact and firmly planted on the hook.

No sooner did my rig hit bottom, bergalls began pecking away. Then



Squid heads make an effective bait for weakfish, as well as for fluke. William Muller photo.

after a lengthy serenade of taps, my rig lay still. At first, I had suspected the bergalls had somehow managed to work the bait off the hook. But only seconds before I was about to bring in my rig to check, I felt a powerful tug on the line. Instinctively (as always when blackfishing), I reared back on the rod, raising its tip high over my head while struggling to take in line. Moments later, I hoisted a blackfish—which later weighed in at 5½ pounds—onto the pier.

I continued to rig whole steamers for the rest of the day—and with only five clams left, you can guess how long that was. I only landed one other blackfish, but the feisty critter jolted the springs on my pocket scale to well over three pounds. Although this method, even when applied on later trips with sufficient bait, hadn't improved my blackfish catch in numbers, it did, however, attract larger members of the species. And best of all, my problem with bergalls had been overcome!

Quite often, other unwanted species' attention can be thwarted by simply changing bait. I remember a fluke trip off Floyd Bennett Field when sand porgies, thick as fleas, were putting an annoying damper on the action. It was my son Paulie, a mere eight years old at the time, who offered a solution to the problem. Instead of baiting up with squid strips and spearing as we were, Paulie suggested rigging squid heads. At first, I and the rest of our party

dismissed the idea. But when we realized my son, rigged as such, was the only one getting past the porgies and hooking into fluke, we quickly followed suit.

Sometimes, the fluke are merely off their feed and strip baits are used to stimulate their interest. Fluke belly strips are commonly used to achieve this goal, but have you ever considered strips of dogfish? They are most deadly.

At times, it pays to probe deeper to see what the fish are feeding on and duplicate it as bait. Cutting open a recently caught fluke and examining the contents of its stomach will often provide the answer. And if you're lucky, some fish when caught will obligingly upchuck their last meal and make the job that much easier.

One such incident occurred while fluke fishing on the bay side of the Rockaway jetty. For several hours, all we were able to hook into were sea robins. Then my good buddy Johnny Calamia lifted a fair-sized fluke over the rail. Johnny's catch flopped and quivered about the deck as if swimming. Then right before our eyes, it coughed up a three inch sea robin—still alive and frisky.

Seizing the opportunity, Johnny immediately rigged the baby sea robin on his hook. Within moments this unusual bait was struck and another fluke was wrestled to the surface and eased into the net.

Sure, we had taken plenty of sea robins that day, but all were much too

big to consider as bait. So, we settled for second best and cut the sea robins into tapered strips. As a result, the fluke action improved measurably.

Other small fish make excellent live-lining bait not only for fluke but also bluefish and weaks. Killies have been used successfully for years live-lining fluke; but there's nothing strange or unusual about them—and that's what this article is all about. Live snappers, which fall into the category of unusual, are most deadly fluke bait. In fact, the record catch for fluke—a whopping 22 lbs. 7 oz.—set by Captain Charles Nappi back in 1975 was taken on (you guessed it) a live snapper.

Unfortunately, unless you are equipped with a bait well and a suitable pumping system which pumps fresh sea water constantly, your snappers will quickly perish. Heartier choices would be small bergalls or lafayettes.

I've come a long way since my simple childhood days in Prospect Park, yet I've only scratched the surface in unlocking the mysteries of the sea. Nevertheless, I continue to keep an open mind, relentlessly seeking out strange and unusual baits in an effort to improve those stacked up odds in the game of fishing.

So the next time you spot some fellow baiting his hook with something so strang, so unusual, it couldn't possibly work, don't scoff at his efforts. Watch very closely. It may just do the trick!

SUMMER FLOUNDER AT HORTON'S POINT

by Wally Powell

With summer upon us and the fishing season pretty much in full swing, the tastiest fish is about to start up in Long Island Sound. I am referring to summer flounder, more commonly called fluke.

My boat, the Reel Affair, is out of the Branford River. When fluke arrive, about mid-June, I fire up my boat and head south-southeast across the Sound to Horton's Point, a few miles east of Mattituck Inlet. You'll know when you've arrived by the abandoned lighthouse on a hill overlooking the point. The water below the light has been loaded with fluke the last couple years. I've never had a bad day fluking here; the average trip is always 20 keepers. Hopefully the 1986 season will be a repeat.

Directly below the light are a series of rips. Drifting through these rips produces the biggest fish, but not the most hookups. Number-wise, we've had more success fishing west of the light in about 25 feet of water on the incoming tide. When the tide is dead high we move in directly under the light in about 14 to 16 feet of water. Should this area around the point not be producing that trip, we move a little further to the west off a motel on the beach.

If you travel east of this area there is Truman Beach which has been a fluke hotspot in years past. This can be tried as an alternative to Horton's but that point has been fluke heaven the last couple seasons. Because of the productivity there's usually an

abundance of boats, some of them charter boats from Greenport. That's usually a good indication fluke are in the neighborhood.

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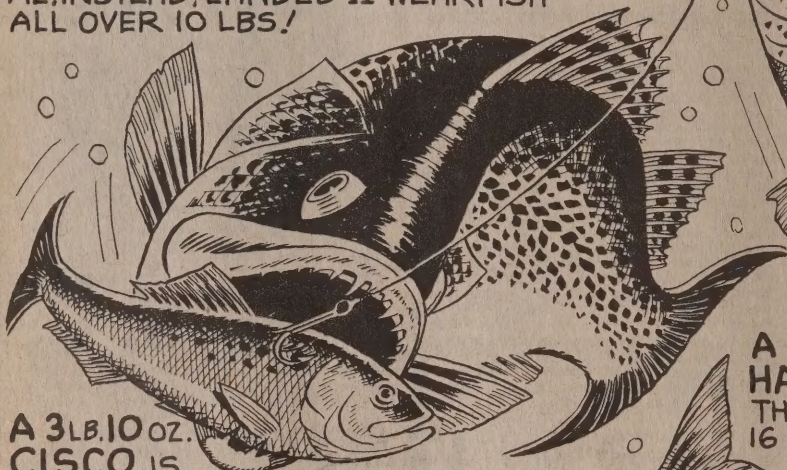
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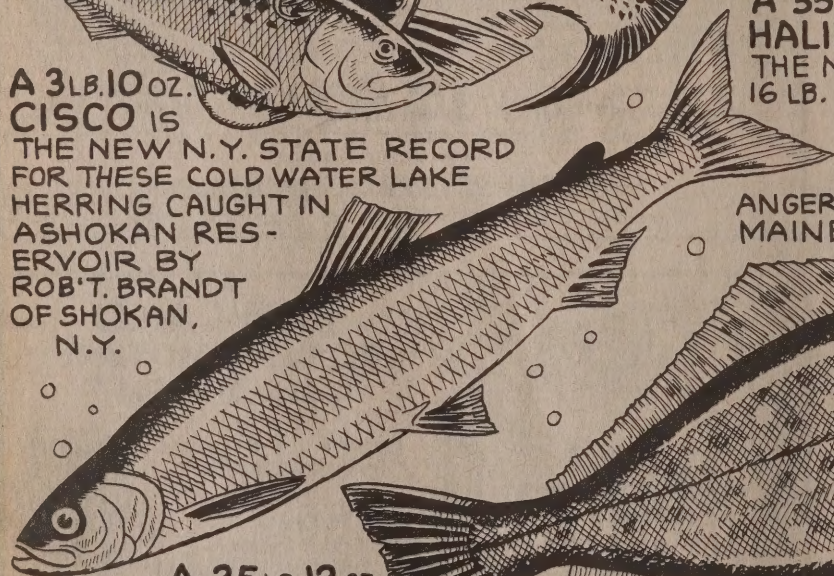
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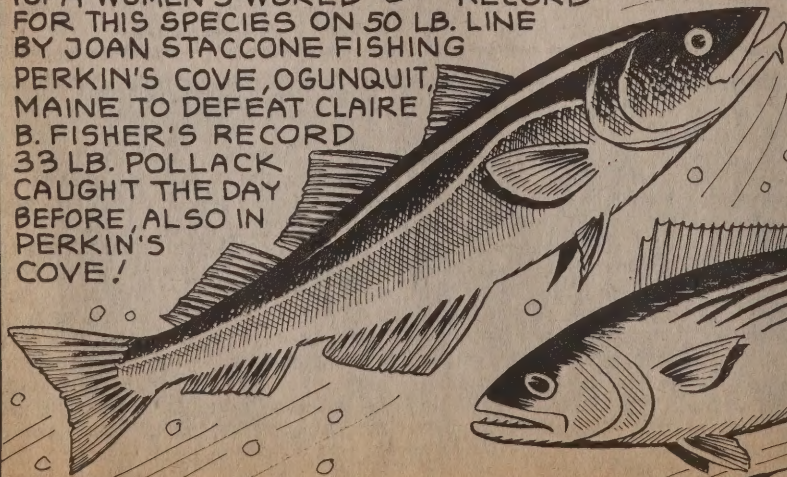
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ODD TIME FOR EAST END PORGIES

by Gerald Hahn

Every summer, small porgies frolic in the sandy bottom of various bays and the inshore regions of Long Island Sound. It is hard to believe that these diminutive clowns, dressed in pink and silver and faint olive bars, are so swift and strong. The fish are so vertically compressed, looking like they had a close encounter with a Mack Truck. No wonder porgies are known as hit-and-run artists.

Yet a closer look at this member of the Sparid family reveals some order to its apparent foolishness and surprising strength. The porgy's slender body makes it easy to slip between rocks and other riprap on the bottom. Here its long pointy mouth, amply endowed with molars and incisors, can pry out invertebrates, larvae and tiny baitfish, as well as worms from mussel beds and sand. The porgy's small mouth is also perfect for stealing bait from the hooks of foolish fishermen. And when the slapstick scup makes a sudden turn, it steps on the brakes with its long pectoral fins while creating drag with the strong dorsal fin. When the fish turns on the power, the dorsal fin folds neatly into a groove.

Many people believe that heavy-weight porgies, also known as humpbacks and sea porgies, put on their big show only in the fall. This is not the case at all. Scup, as they are called in New England, actually scoot into Long Island as early as May. More than one weakfish angler in the Peconics has been startled by these little powerhouses. This performance is brief, however, for they are soon on their way again, heading east into Gardiner's Bay and leaving in their wake thousands of junior members. In June, the sea porgies set up a three ring circus at Mashomack Point, Cedar Point and Crow Shoals. Then they settle down, more or less for the rest of the summer, between Gardiner's Island and Montauk. Although the largest porgies get together in the fall at Montauk and the east end of Long Island Sound, there are enough of them around in the summer to amuse fishermen.

Whenever my friend Harry and I go fishing for large summer scup, we are more than amused. No other species brings this quality out in us. For example, on a typical day, as soon as we anchor at our favorite spot east of Gardiner's Island, a strong wind joins us and drags the boat toward Montauk. "Did you check the wea-



Humpback porgies can be taken throughout the summer in Gardiner's Bay.

ther?" I ask Harry. "No, I thought you did," is his reply. In calm weather, we invariably arrive on the hottest day, in the middle of the afternoon, at the worst stage of the tide. "When's the tide supposed to change?" Harry asks. "Monday," I answer. And on a rare day, when the weather's glorious and the tide's just right, we set to arguing about where to anchor. Harry prefers shallow water, about 25 feet deep; I prefer the 40 foot depths. It really doesn't make much of a difference, you see, for by the end of the day we will have tried

both.

Then comes a lengthy discussion about bait. I open a pack of frozen clams and another of salted clams. "The salted ones are no good," Harry says. Frankly, I agree; but the local makeshift bait shop (a joke of a place in its own right) only had one pack of frozen clams and no fresh skimmers or sand worms. Slim pickings. In defense, I argue that salted clams are just as good. An hour later, all the frozen clams have been eaten while the salted ones have gone largely un-

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touched. "I guess they don't like Kosher clams," I remark timidly as Harry pulls up the chum pot. We borrow the remains of juicy clams from the frozen log and stuff the pot with the salted ones. And so it goes. Yet I am continually amazed that we finally settle down and make a decent catch. In fact, on a good day, any porgy weighing less than 1 1/4 lbs. goes back in the water.

Excepting last summer, when good days were hard to come by for all bottom species in the East End bays, no doubt because of the bloom of algae here, fishing for large porgies is generally excellent, especially in the beginning of summer. These fish frequently make fools of fishermen. One way they do this is by setting up camp in strong currents. The unwary fisherman lowers a light rig 40 feet below and the porgies snatch the fluttering bait before it reaches bottom. At Montauk's Great Eastern the current is so strong that the only anglers consistently fooling the scup are those who fish around slack tide. Similarly, at our deep water spot off Eastern Plain Point, a running current will bounce an 8 ounce sinker like a ping pong ball. Yet, at other times, a two ounce sinker will do.

Thus, two fishing outfits should be brought along: a medium class bait-casting rod with a reel comparable to teh Penn 109 MS Levelwind spooled with 15 or 20 lb. test and a light spinning rod matched with a reel such as Shakespeare's Sigma 2300-050 for a line weight of 10 lb. test. The heavier outfit, of course, is used in strong currents and rough bottom. With conventional gear, it is much easier to pay out line and feel for the bottom in turbulent water. The light outfit is a treat in calm and shallow water, especially when a 3 lb. porgy behaves like Harpo Marx at the other end of the thin line.

Just as two fishing outfits make sense for porgies on the East End, so do two different rigs. The first rig consists of two hooks above each other: #1 beaks snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 lb. test. The hooks are secured to dropper loops on the running line, the bottom hook two inches above the sinker and the top hook slightly more than a snell's length above. An end loop at the bottom of the rig holds a bank sinker, which, as mentioned, ranges from 2 to 8 ounces. Some people favor a two foot leader and a barrel swivel for this rig, particularly over rough bottom. Other fishermen shorten the snells to 8 inches to reduce tangles. Large porgies have no reservations about rising to a high hook and a high-low rig, moreover, leaves lots of room for a brace of these big scrappers.

In calm or shallower water, however, a tandem rig is perfectly adequate. Here, two slightly smaller beak hooks, #2 to #4, are tied together as per a flounder rig. A snap swivel or a three-way swivel with a wire clip at the end of the running line holds the hooks as well as the sinker.

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Although the high-low rig and the tandem rig are the two most commonly used for porgies, there are other rigs to consider. For example, some pinhookers (hook and line commercial fishermen) on the East End, connect 3 hooks in series directly to large dropper loops on the running line. No snelled leaders are involved. The bottom hook is about three inches above the sinker and the other hooks are spaced 8 to 10 inches apart. The commercial lower the baited hooks near a 30 lb. block of chum and then whip the rod to create flutter.

Then there's my friend Harry, who dangles a squid head, tentacles and all, on a wide gap hook trailing 18 inches below an inline trolling sinker. At Montauk, he catches the largest porgies with this rig. He must be doing something right.

Baiting up for big porgies is essentially the same as for small porgies, whether you use sand worms or clams or Harry's squid heads. Slightly larger offerings of these baits are generally favored for large porgies. Needless to say, the bait must be firmly secured to the hook if you intend to catch, rather than feed, the fish. Half a worm threaded on the hook or a generous slice of skimmer twisted and impaled several times will secure these baits. Let only a morsel dangle below the bend of the hook. Most important is to bring along more bait than you think you need, for king size porgies are just as skilled in snatching the stuff as are their younger relatives.

For the same reason, a considerable amount of chum is an asset when fishing for large porgies in the summer. Since the fish are not as concentrated as in the fall, the chum, whether ground moss bunker or a clam log, draws the fish to the boat and holds them there.

Fishing for large porgies in a strong current is a game of trial-and-error, with the porgies winning the early rounds by a large margin. On the first few casts, you can't feel the bottom; soon your line has a belly in it and seems to be heading out to sea. After adjusting the weight, your rig finally settles to the bottom near the chum pot. Then you feel several taps on the line, followed by a deathly silence. Time to reel in and put on more bait. Sooner or later, you realize that the line must be absolutely tight and that reflexes have been too slow. Only then do you get into the rhythm of porgy fishing.

Many anglers are not fond of porgy fishing because the species is so bony. The ones out East are filleting size fish, and excellent table fare, too. In fact, several years ago, the biggest joke of all was pulled in several seafood restaurants. Gourmets thought they were dining on red snapper, while in reality, it was only fillet of porgy.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Offshore, sharks (thresher, mako, blue, brown) remain pretty good, with the first school tuna brought in over the weekend. Bluefish are getting stronger, with a hint of weakfish in the Montauk area. Fluke, with many shorts are creating some action. Blackfishing remains extraordinarily strong at Montauk and Gardiner's, with plenty of action on sea bass; some porgies and flounder still around. The beginning of a typical summer season.

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The first mako to be brought into **Captain's Cove Marina** was caught on Thursday on the **Mako Express** with Capt. Zac Grossman. The fish, a male, weighed 180 lbs. and was fought by John Scerbo. It was brought to gaff after 20 minutes. Nine blue sharks were also caught and released.

Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina** reported on a catch of cod and pollock on the charter boat **Joy Sea** which took place on Sunday. Captain Chuck Mallinson, with Arie Vandermuller and his group, fished on a combination trip, combining cod, 12 pollock to 35 lbs. in weight, with sharking during which four blue sharks were caught. Joan stated that good bluefishing is taking place in the North Rips and at the Point: the "Marie III" returning with a full box of bluefish from this area. A private craft, the **Valkure**, tried the north rips for fluke, finding many shorts, but returning with 30 keepers to four pounds. Fluke have also been reported on the south side, along with blackfish and sea bass. The "High Hook," owned by Jerry Paceretti returned to the dock with a fine 241 lb. thresher shark, fought and caught by 10 year old David Schrader, his first shark ever. The tail will be mounted for the youngster to treasure. Good action with blue sharks was reported all week by charter boats such as the **Mistress To**.

Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk**, reported fair shark fishing with quite a few blue sharks. On Thursday, a 303 lb. thresher shark was boated by a charter from P.C. Richards. Weekend shark action fell off a bit on the weekend. However, on Saturday in rough seas caused by stiff northeast winds, a charter arranged by Andre Houle did fight and tag eight blue sharks estimated to 175 lbs. in weight. Captain Mike saw the first

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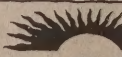
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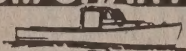
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school tuna brought into Montauk Marine Basin on the weekend; Capt. Billy Holzman boated four bluefin tuna, top weight 50 lbs., fishing on the Merlin. Many bluefin and yellowfin were seen, but apparently were not ready to bite.

Edelman's Lou Rosado enjoyed a double header shark weekend. On Friday's trip on the "Bullet," Howard Kalka, his friends, Frank and Malcolm teamed to fight a 317 lb. thresher on the boat's first shark trip of the season. The fish was caught south of the Point at 37 fathoms. It won a local captain's pool for the biggest shark of the weekend. On Saturday, Lou sailed his boat, "Sea Whimp" a little further southeast, where a mako took the bait just as all hands were reeling up to go back to the dock. The mako, which weighed 200 lbs., was the largest fish Joe Matkiws, visiting from Georgia, has ever caught.

Captain Bill Ricca found lots of blue

sharks south of the Point on Friday on the charter boat Alyssa Ann fishing with Tom Kiggin and police officers from Rockland County. Eight blue sharks to 120 lbs. were fought and released. Saturday's trip for blackfish on the south side with Ricco Osso and his friends from New York City, found good blackfishing. A total of 67 blackfish were caught, five of the fish weighing from 7½ to 11 lbs. Bait was green crab. Sunday's charter with Ken Claussey and his friends of West Islip had a couple of blue sharks and fought a mako that was lost at the boat. A large ocean sunfish, tangled in a shark line, offered spectacular leaps and acrobatics before it broke free.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat My-Mate stated that blue shark action was hot all week, but fell off on the weekend. Nevertheless, blue sharks were found for Mike Duffy from Pennsylvania on Friday and Pedro Fernandez and his friends on

Sunday, by running further offshore to the southeast.

Captain Howard Kiedash of the charter boat Reel Magic also reported blue shark action for Bob Vanderhoef and his friends on Thursday and for Howard Prozer of Wapinger Falls on the weekend.

Captain McBride asked us to remind all boats interested in the MCA Shark tournament to be held the weekend of July 12th and 13th that registration is open to both private and charter craft, the only stipulation being that the boat must be 24 feet or more in length. The tournament, co-sponsored by Michelob Light Beer and Berkley Line will award many gifts and prizes as well as its charitable contributions. See ad for further details.

Captain Phil Lewis reported that shark fishing had been good this past week on the Adios. On Monday Mr. Brostman and his group had a bunch of blue sharks plus a "Moose" mako which appeared to weigh well over 400 lbs., that unfortunately landed on the line on its sixth jump, and got away. On Wednesday after another mako, estimated at 150 lbs. broke the line, a 339 lb. thresher shark was hooked up. Mike Holmes, Steve Kapelas and friends from Brooklyn took turns fighting the fish for 1½ hours. Sunday's trip with Rady Brown fished well offshore locating a "festival of blue sharks" for all day action.

Montauk Captain's Association members, including Capt. Joe McBride, John DeMaio and Gene Kelly travelled to Albany for a conference on lifting the striped bass restrictions. A decision is expected by July 5th on the possibility of allowing one bass per person of a mandated size with a no sale restriction.

Captain Jay Rigano fished with Mike Surino and friends in the weekend's Star Island Yacht Club Shark Tournament on the Lori-Jay. Saturday's outing in pretty bad seas located only one small blue shark. However, on Sunday the group enjoyed beautiful weather, but had a shark pick-up very late in the day. After a 35 minute battle, the fish was gaffed and the race to make the weigh-in on time ensued. Captain Rigano was clocked at 50 seconds to go for the fish to be included in the tourney, as he passed the jetties. The mako, weighing 209 lbs., took fourth place! For sharking purists—the bait used to catch the fish was a live whiting, caught while waiting for a bite!

Charley Fuchs reported on the outcome of the annual Star Island Yacht Club's Shark Tournament. Twenty-six boats participated in the two day event, with a total of eight mako sharks brought to the dock for weighing. First place, \$2,274.99 was won by Alex Kaye on his boat "Vanilla" with a mako that weighed 312 lbs. Second place was a mako of 262 lbs., caught by Joseph Ferrara on the "Ebb Tide IV" and was worth

\$1,516.66. Adam Gross caught a 225 lb. blue shark on the "Reel Sport" and collected \$758.33.

Richard Berk, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, reported good action with sharks during the past week. On Saturday, John Rodgeson fished the fingers at 34 fathoms for a 354 lb. thresher on his boat "Talon"; Andy Salin of Amagansett, fishing with Capt. Bob Hanson on the "Good as Gold," located a 243 lb. mako fishing 30 miles south of the point. The charter boat **Kellyboat** was into good blue shark action with Donny Mitchell; a yellowfin tuna was brought in on the "Fast Eddy" by Art Orlandi fishing with Ralph Perone. The fish reportedly took a trolled lure at the 40 fathom line. Good bluefish action was reported at Cartwright by the "Seacon."

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished the south side on the **Julie III** both Saturday and Sunday for outstanding action with blackfish, flounder, sea bass and some porgies. Saturday's trip with Lopez of the Bronx returned with 84 blacks from 4 to 10 lbs., with flounder, porgies and sea bass, while on Sunday, Joe Bryer had over four dozen blackfish to 8¾ lbs. with assorted other fish.

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice** found loads of big blues to 14 lbs. in weight for Angelo Chiarenza and his friends, fishing at Cartwright. On Saturday, a load of blues to 15 lbs. were boated by John Direnzi and his friends. Sunday's trip with Tim and Jim Magee returned to **Gone Fishing Marina**, with its first mako of the season, a 165 lb. fish which made two spectacular jumps during the battle.

Also on Sunday, mako sharks were caught by Earl Johns and his crew on the marina based boat "Compromise"—a fish of 135 lbs.; while Sal and his friends came in with a 243 lb. mako on the "Contagious." According to Tom Jordan speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina**, inshore fluking has picked up considerably both on the North Rips and Shagwong. Porgy action has started both at the Point and Gardiner's Island. Blackfishing remains outstanding, both in quantity and quality, with 93 blackfish falling to green crabs on the south side on Monday. The fish weighed up to 12¾ lbs. in weight, according to Tom, who personally weighed the fish!

Captain John DeMaio reported a box full of sea bass on a half day charter on the **Vivienne** last Friday. Weakfish should be settled in any day now according to Capt. DeMaio. There have been reports of scattered catches in the area since Friday.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reported an increase in cod at Cox's Ledge with three hangers brought in on Sunday. A couple of fish per angler is average now, but plenty of bait has moved into the area, an indication of good things to come. The first night bluefishing trip of the season is scheduled for this week, with continued trips each night there-

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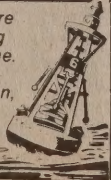
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after throughout the season. Fluking is fair to good, with lots of action, but a lot of small fish around. Monday's pool winner, Phil Albo had a 5 lb. fluke, the largest of his seven keepers. The last Georges Banks trip returned 4 hours early, with everyone tired out by too many fish. A small halibut—28 pounds—was among the catch, with the pool cod over 50 lbs. The cod reacted best to jigs, but took bait as well on this trip.

SOUTH FORK

Chris Salb at Bayview Marine and Tackle heard of a few porgies picked at Cedar Point. Fluke have started at Culloden Point, Dick Boone picked a few on a short trip on Sunday. Lots of short fluke have been reported at the Ruins, with a keeper ratio of about one for each four or five caught. Bluefish are pretty reliable at Crow Shoals and the rip at the Ruins.

Captain Artie Lach will resume fishing on the *Wilhelric II* this

Wednesday, now that his Coast Guard inspection is completed. He asked us to inform you that all tickets are sold for Thursday, June 26th. Fluke will be the fish of choice on Tuesday and Wednesday, with porgies the rest of the week. Ladies days are Tuesday and Sunday. Captain Lach has heard good reports of fluke and porgies and looks forward to a bang up summer season.

Thom Speckenbach heard of plenty of blackfish action at the Shinnecock jetties. Fluke have come into Shinnecock Bay, with best action occurring on the east side, inside the inlet on the incoming tide. Plenty of blues invading the inlet, try dawn and dusk. Reports from Gardiner's Island consist of a lot of short fluke, with some keepers to three pounds at the Ruins, with blackfish continuing with flounder on the north side, near the Tower. Some offshore reports have come into *Speck's Bait and Tackle* of mako and blue shark activity by anglers fishing 180 to 200 feet of water south, southeast of Shinnecock Inlet.

Captain Don Van DeWater encountered rough seas on Saturday's trip on the *Dutch Treat*, fishing with Larry DeSantis. Very little activity was noted, even bluefish were slow. However, just as the group was ready to end the day, a blue shark obliged by taking a bait. Sunday's trip with the Kerry family encountered lots of boat traffic, probably due to a shark tournament taking place. However, bluefish returned to the area, south side with sharks following. By day's end, one brown shark of seventy-five pounds and three blue sharks to one hundred pounds were fought and released. Captain Don noted lots of activity with fluke outside Shinnecock Inlet as he was returning from offshore.

Captain Tom Federico of the charter boat *Harbor Hooker III*, fished an afternoon charter on Friday, for fluke at the Ruins at Gardiner's Island, where fish to four and a half pounds were caught. Many small fish were returned. On Saturday evening, loads of bluefish were trolled with the Tufts, fishing the rip at the Ruins. Captain Tom reported the blues were as "thick as fleas". A reminder that several prime shark, fluke and bluefish dates are available. Call for details.

Flounder fishermen might try the basket area, Bouy 19, and the Quogue Canal, where several nice catches were reported. Catherine Maher was surprised when a thirteen pound two ounce blackfish grabbed her bait meant for fluke, while drifting Shinnecock Inlet last week. She was fishing on her dad's boat "McSorlee's II".

Trouble shooting small engine problems will be the topic Friday night at 7:30 pm on L.I. Fishing, with Lorry Mangan on WLIG-TV, channel 55. Glenn Hudson, of Pier 66 in Patchogue will draw the winner of the brand new mercury outboard this week.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Offshore action remained strong with good shark action reported on the weekend. Good numbers of makos taken on Saturday as well as the season's first white marlin. Cap-tree's open and charter fleet reported that fluke fishing improved dramatically after dragging its feet for weeks and Moriches Bay flounder continue to please boatmen who haven't had their fill of winter flatties. Blues at both inlets and in good supply from 60' of water on out.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Larry Dailaire at L & M Marineland in East Moriches said that flounder fishing continued strong on the weekend between buoys 27 and 29. Tide is a critical factor and according to Larry, you are looking for incoming water. He labelled the fluking as "still picky". The big news from the marina concerned the season's second largest mako to date. Terrence Stoner, his son Rick and Ellen Bray teamed up aboard the "Spicy 1" on Sunday. After running SE of Moriches to 155' of water, the trio subdued a 569 mako and reported having to cut off a second mako which was being fought simultaneously.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the Alma Fleet reported that flounder fishing was only a fair pick from Wednesday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday were labelled as decent for the flaties but he called the fluking poor. The skipper has been splitting his trips between fluke and flounder. He has been concentrating his flounder efforts between buoys 27 and 31. Aboard the open boat Alma III on Saturday, 6-year-old Patrick Grady split the pool with Rosie Fedorco. Each had 1.14 pound flaties. Carol McCauley had a 3.8 pound fluke during the week. The charter boat Alma fished the family of Dr. D. Sinha on Sunday. They had a fair catch of flaties led by the Doctor's daughter Rhani who decked a 2 pound flounder.

Speaking from his Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches, Gary Grunseich reported lots of fluke for skiff fishermen able to work their ways into the cuts and bars. Boats have been returning with 10 to 40 keepers on most days with 1 of 3 fish being caught being a keeper. Bucktails and sandeel and squid combos have been particularly effective. Best area has been from buoy 38 to 41 and on into Hart's Cove. Three hours before and three hours after high water has been the most productive tidal phase. To show what is possible with the summer flaties, Phil Sztorc fishing alone on Saturday north of buoy 39 put away 38 keepers up to 3½ pounds. Best fluke of the weekend was a 4½ pounder taken on Sunday by Dave Roys. Gary added that there are still plenty of flounder in the deep water between buoys 29 and 39. They are being taken on sand and bloodworms under the same tide conditions as the fluke.

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chogue. Both blood and sandworms are accounting for many good catches of nice size flaties. On Saturday, Frank Aliva and George "The Greek" combined to put away 65 flounder at Buoy 29. Fluke fishing is generally fair in both bays with a lot of shorts dominating the catches. One customer ran to 80' of water SE of F.I. Inlet on Saturday and used umbrella rigs on wire to troll 2 dozen blues from 10 to 12 pounds. Several customers reported plenty of small blues inside Moriches Inlet on Saturday evening. At the local docks, a few fluke around, though most are shorts. On the plus side crabbing looks to have settled into a good pattern with quite a few blue claws being taken, particularly with traps.

Al Colban at J & R Sports Center in Oakdale spoke of a good shark weekend with quite a few makos taken on Saturday. Boatmen reported connecting in water depths ranging from 165-200' of water. Some very good sea bass action with a smattering of big porgies on the Fire Island ocean reef. Lots of bluefish for trollers in 60-80' of water outside the inlet. Inside the bay, the Sore Thumb pocket continues to produce flounder along with some big blowfish. Fluking improved this weekend with the ratio of keepers to shorts up over the past several weeks. The private boat "And How" worked the vicinity of the pound nets outside the inlet and reported

taking 20 nice fluke. A mixture of blowfish, short fluke and crabs being taken from the dock at Bay Shore Marina.

From Peppy's Bait and Tackle in East Islip, Jim Romano said that umbrella rig trollers have been doing a good job with small blues at the mouth of the inlet. Those working out to the 60' depths are finding fish ranging from 5 to 7 pounds. Fluke fishing still dominated by shorts most of the week but some size improvement noted on the weekend. The key to the fluke fishing is the last half of the flood tide. Some weeks continue to be taken by flukers in the inlet area. Among them was a 12 pounder taken on a squid and sandeel combo by Andy Lauriguet on Wednesday. Flounder still at the Sore Thumb with some blowfish mixed in. Improved crabbing noted at the local docks along with some good eeling.

Peter Jackits of the East Islip based Rainbow Runner worked a piece of ocean 5 miles SW of the Virginia on Saturday. He and his crew, Steve Iannella, Charlie Prott and Augie Mancini, put away a 175 pound mako.

The season's first white marlin was officially recorded by Carl Miller at Smokey's Tackle Shop in Bay Shore on Saturday. Taken aboard Matty Matthew's "Distant Drums" by Pat Conway, the big white checked out at 76 pounds gutted. The billfish picked

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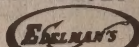


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up a rigged mackerel bait out of a shark slick set up in 140' of water due south of F.I. Inlet. Carl also relayed word of the results of the Bay Shore Tuna Club mako runoff. Mark Tessar had a 315 pound thresher on the "Outrage". Chris Channing put away makos of 221 and 181 on the "Wahoo" and Glen Sibbers and Danny Azzata tied for third spot with 110 pound blue sharks. At least half a dozen customers reported taking makos on the weekend with 200 feet of water appearing to be the magic depth. Carl also put in a word for some excellent sea bass action on the F.I. Ocean Reef. He knew of catches up to 80 fish made there this

week. Plenty of blues from 4-6 pounds in 60' of water SW of the inlet on the weekend. Some encouraging fluke action on the weekend with several customers reporting good scores on the weekend. The two keys were incoming tide and killie baits. Crabbing continues good especially for those working with traps. A reminder that the shop will be open at 4AM on Saturday and Sunday for this weekend's Bay Shore Mako Tournament.

Capt. Neil Delaney of the Bay Shore based **Laura Lee** noted a big improvement in the fluke picture since Thursday. A new body of larger fish has apparently moved into the

bay and each day is seeing catches improve with a lot of 2 to 3 pound fluke taken through Sunday. Neil has been working Snake Hill Channel, Sexton Isle and both East and West Island. Good tides this past week contributed to the good fishing as well with the last half of the flood and the beginning of the ebb especially productive. Spearing/squid combos work best on the fish. On Sunday, Bob Siciliano and Jean Soltes combined to take 33 fluke of which 20 were keepers.

The Captree open boat fleet enjoyed their best fluking of the season on the weekend. Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** noted

that fluking had greatly improved since mid-week with Saturday and Sunday's AM trips producing a couple hundred summer flatties each. He figured half of the fish were keepers. Customers also enjoyed a good shot of fish on Saturday afternoon's ebb tide. Carl was encouraged by the good spread of fish from Kismet to the Inlet. He too noted that the last of the flood and the first of the ebb are the key to the good fishing. George Forgione totaled 30 fluke on Saturday of which he kept half. Sunday's AM trip saw him take 7 out of 16 fluke that he decked. Carl also put in a word for the excellent bluefishing which has been underway at the inlet. Evening trips have seen a couple of exceptional nights this past week. Among them were Friday and Tuesday. On Tuesday's trip, John Sprio and John Parulolo combined to take 42 blues to 6 pounds on jigs.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch** had a particularly pleasing weekend. He found good reason to smile as a result of a good improvement in the fluke fishing with lots of 2-3 pound fluke taken on the weekend. He labelled Sunday as one of the better trips of the season with 125 keepers coming over the rail. Again, incoming water is the key with fish spread from the Inlet to Kismet. If the good fishing wasn't enough, Richie was doubly pleased that his son Richie, after spending two years on Wall Street with the brokerage firm of Solomon Brothers, has decided to rejoin his dad aboard the Capt. Leitch. After having worked all of his summers as a youngster and student aboard the boat, Richie is back for good.

Capt. Richie Abrams of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Whittaker** added his vote to the greatly improved fluke action of recent days. He reported very good results from the inlet to Kismet on incoming water.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** also put in a word for the much improved fluke picture. He labelled it a good weekend after a long dry spell and was especially enthused about the size of many of the fish taken on the weekend.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported generally good night bluefishing although action was off somewhat due to the full moon and heavy currents. Most fish ranged from 5-7 pounds with a few 8-12 pounders taken each trip. Fluke fishing improved significantly. The improvement began on Friday and continued through Sunday with Sunday's action probably the best of the season with 200 keepers out of 300 fish taken for the day. Again, the skipper emphasized the flood tide helped considerably.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** generated some excitement on the docks at Captree Sunday when he returned with a great white that checked in at 409 pounds. Anthony Sherman, part of a group headed by Doug Gowler was the lucky

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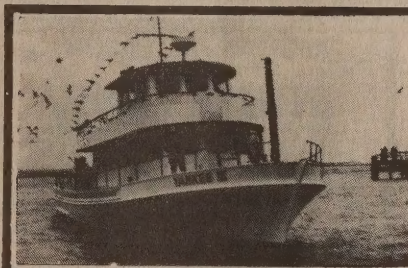
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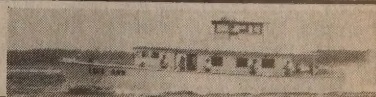
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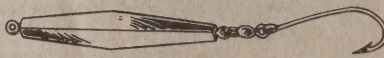
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angler. Fred reported the group also dropped 3 makos during the day. Sight of the action was 180' of water SE of the inlet.

Over at Captree Bait and Tackle, Bobby Sprenger reported weighing a 10 pound weakfish for Christine Sullivan on Saturday. It was taken aboard the charter boat Yankee III. Phil Varons checked in with a 5.3 pound fluke taken aboard the Capt. Scotty 3 on Saturday. Reports of good fluke and flounder fishing at the Jones Beach Piers around high water this week. Bobby labelled the fishing from the local piers as picky of late.

Tom Healy of Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon relayed word that Fred Austin of Augie's put away makos of 148 and 225 pounds on Wednesday. Fred fished with Pete Nowinski aboard the latter's Miss Ellie. Fishing was done SW of the inlet approximately 40 miles from the beach. On Saturday, Tom Vezo put a 140 pound

mako aboard Bob Scarlata's Thirsty Lady. Other makos checked in during the week included a 250 pounder on the Three Sons and a 188 pounder aboard the Foot Fixer. Fluke reports remained spotty during the week with some customers indicating their best action just outside the inlet and in the Lindenhurst Cut. The Babylon Tuna Club's fluke derby held over the weekend, saw Bob Schwartz take first with a 2.5 pounder, Charlie Ostek nailed down 2nd with a 2.2 pounder and Bob Crosswaithe finished third with a 1.15 pounder. Small blues are at the Robert Moses Bridge and at the Inlet with bigger fish from 4-8 pounds in 40' of water south of the pound nets as well as in 60' of water south of the inlet. A reminder that Capt. Frank LoPreste of the long range open boat, Royal Polaris, which is based out of San Diego, will be giving a lecture on stand up fishing at 8 PM on June 30th. Sight of the talk will be the Legion

Hall on Grove Street in Babylon.

A call from Marie Stevenson at Babylon Fishing Station revealed a couple of nice makos checked in there this week. On Thursday, Ken Rice put away a 195 pound mako aboard the Miss Ellie. On Saturday, John Calvelli whipped a 167 pound mako aboard Gene Jankow's "Not So Fast". Still a lot of short fluke around during the week and plenty of small bluefish inside the inlet for trollers and jiggers.

Still a good run of flounder between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges according to Bob Meyers of Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle. An improvement in the fluking in the East/West Channel and Copiague Cut with the percentage of keepers up over the past several weeks. Squid and spearing combos working well on the fluke. On Wednesday, Gary Guja used a bucktail and killie to take a 3½ pound summer flattie. Several nice weakfish scattered through the week by fluke fishermen. On Sunday, Edmundas Petrikas used a squid and sandeel combo to take an 11 pound tiderunner near Kismet. Quite a few makos being taken by shark fans. One of the better scores of the season was made on Sunday. Charles Oskey and his crew aboard the Hustler Jr. put away a trio of makos weighing 266, 265 and 105 pounds. Good crabbing this week on the Wellwood Avenue docks.

Capt. Len of the Lindenhurst charter boat Fishfinder fished a party headed by Henry Rafferty on Saturday. Working in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds, the group loaded up with 5-10 pound blues on umbrella rigs and diamond jigs.

Fluking still slow at this end according to Bob Vitale of Bob's Bait and Tackle in Amity Harbor. Bluefishing a good bet with small choppers at the inlet and bigger fish out in 60' of water. Good sharking continued for the second consecutive weekend. On Saturday, Barry Mack and Joe Grasso aboard Cathy's Too fought and released 6 blue sharks in 190 feet of water SE of the inlet. Also on Saturday, the Reel Affair returned with a 161 pound mako which was taken among some brown and blue sharks in 180' of water SE. Ed Unkel and Joe Lalia aboard Tinman Too ran to 200' of water in a southeasterly direction from Fire Island on Sunday. Along with several blue sharks, they were rewarded with makos of 112 and 151 pounds.

Frank Pristera at Edelman's in Farmingdale said that most guys geared up for the offshore action. He received little in the way of inshore reports this week. He did know there were plenty of blues a short distance outside of Fire Island Inlet on the weekend. Most ranged 4-6 pounds and were in 50-60' of water. Also, a lot of sea bass on the Fire Island ocean reef. Carmine Dunamura put a 3.12 pounder aboard the Bali. One of the weekend's larger makos was the 439 pounder taken by Charlie DePaolo

and Pete aboard the Marine Mate on Sunday. It was taken near the Virginia and was boated after a 45 minute battle and a pair of jumps.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

It's been a good solid week of fishing with decent weather and plenty of blues, flounder and fluke to keep rods bent. We've had reports of isolated large weakfish and a showing of snappers and blue claw crabs. Off-shore the spotlight has been hogged by shark city with plenty of mako shark and blue shark being caught and also being dropped.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

A call from Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station in Seaford brought news of a 25 percent fluke keeper ratio. Flounder are being found nice size at the 3rd Wantagh, Black banks and off the Jones Beach piers. Snappers and blue claw crabs are starting to show up now said Art off the town dock. A 9 lb. weak was caught by Sandy on Saturday on a live bunker at midday.

Mike at Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh advised that fluke this week have picked up in size but not quantities of keepers. Still a 70 to 80 percent throwback ratio he said, but lots of 3 to 4 lbs. mixed in. Best action has been all around the high on sand eels and squid. Best areas have been Goose and Haunts Creeks, bulkhead drain, broad channel. Mike says the key to big fluke is big baits fished off the bottom. Flounder activity slid this past week, probably due to strong moon tides and currents. Boats averaged 5 to 15 fish per with best action being on the ebb at the 3 Wantagh, Big M and Black banks, fish up to 1 3/4 lbs. on bloods and dyed clam, with chumming a big help. Lots of small blackfish at the bridges, mostly under a pound. Blue claws good at Massapequa Cove and the Lindenhurst pier at the end of Wellwood Ave. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday saw good activity on weakfish in the 4 to 12 lb. class on the west side of Jones Inlet, outgoing water on red jelly worms. Small blues were mixed in also. The wrecks off Fire Island have produced a lot of sea bass this week up to 4 lbs. on squid. Blues at Cholera have been hot and cold said Mike on chum and butterfish, with fish weighed in up to 13 lbs. Jack Bruno bagged a 13 lb. 2 oz. weak on Monday fishing white jelly worms

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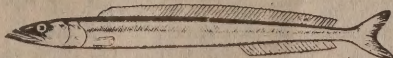
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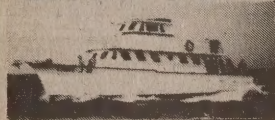
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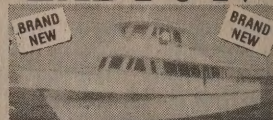
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We hear from **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick that the flukeing has taken a bit of an upturn just east of Wantagh Parkway between Zachs and Gilgo. Bay blues continue to zap around Jones Inlet and are hitting just about anything imaginable and the shark fishing has taken a definite upswing particularly on blues and makos.

Out of Freeport we learn from Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** that the boat has been having super bluefishing inshore of 17 Fathoms to the fisherman buoy. Catches have been very strong daytime on jigs. Friday was very strong, while Saturday's catches ran up to 75 fish a man and on Sunday to 50 a man. Friday's night trip to the Mud Hole was classified as good. It's diamonds day and bait at night, an old story, with fish running 2 to 7 lbs. Please note that the boat is now also on a full time night schedule for blues.

Flounder fishing has been very good in the bay, advised Lou Stalker of **Lou's Fishing Station**. Hotspots have been the Short Beach CG station and the area just SE of the Swift Creek bridge on outgoing. On the fluke scene it's been mostly short fish, with a sprinkling of large keepers, an example of which was a 5 1/4 lb. fluke that Lou weighed in. Blackfishing has been slow, but nice sea bass and some porgies are being caught on the ocean pieces. Lou classified the bluefishing as "great." Sunday saw the first green bonito trolled inshore and in the BA area. Note that the 11th annual shark tournament will be held Saturday, June 28th and there's still time to enter.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** told us that all trips were for fluke this past week, fishin the bay in the early week and later on off Riis Park. Quantities of fish were good but there were lots of shorts. Charters this week were by John Adams Life Insurance Co., Albert Ashforth Supts. Club, Manufacturers Hanover, Hicksville Fire Dept. Co. #3, Tap A Keg Fishing Club, Hanny Fuel, Brooklyn, 49ers Credit Club, and Stuyvesant Fuel Corp.

We learn from the **Bluefin Fleet** that their charters had excellent bluefishing right through Sunday, fish to 6 lbs., to the west. Jigging did the trick and the catches averaged in the 20s on 2 to 6 lb. fish. Mark Blanchette bagged the 6 lber and 30 additional blues, while catching into the 20s were Mike Carbone and Rick Audum. Action was both inside and along the beaches with the keeper ratio better this week. Thirteen year old Jerry Williams of W. Hempstead bagged a 5 lber. Nat Bernstein of Westminster Bank also hoisted a 5 lb. fluke and two 3 lbers. while John Pierno had a 4 1/2 lber. Andy Zuckovitch was happy with 18 keepers including a 4 lb. fluke. Spearing and strip baits worked best.

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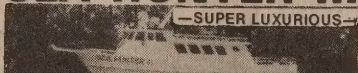
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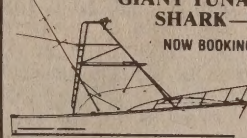
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Marine Pkwy bridge, fish to 3 lbs. Though there were lots of midgets, there were more keepers this week. Sunday's trip was for the Shelter Rock Jewish Center Men's Club. They also worked off the beaches to the east. Paul Streich took the pool with a 4 lb. 2 oz. fluke. At the artificial reef, sea bass obliged. The skipper called the keeper fluke very decent sized this week and noted they hit best on sparring squid combos.

Winners in the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament this past weekend, held out of **Hudson Point Fishing Station** really socked it to the shark population. Two hundred thirteen boats fished this tournament and 40 makos were weighed in. First place went to the boat Rolling Stones skipped by Capt. Mike Stone. The angler was Howard Wilder and the fish a 398 lb. thresher. This fish was worth \$13,300. Second place was a 340 lb. thresher caught on the boat Royal Day run by Capt. Bob Passamento of N. Babylon with the fish worth \$5,500. Third place went to Capt. Bob Reuben of Lido Beach on

his boat November with a 277 lb. mako. A \$1,000 cash prize for the largest shark caught on Shakespeare Sigma line was a 180 lb. mako taken by Nick DeCisso of Massapequa on his boat 7th Rose.

There were many other winners and prizes which will be detailed in an upcoming issue.

From the **Captain Lou Fleet** we hear of super fluke action on the **CL V** half day trips with high hook keepers in the teens. On Wednesday AM, Sam Goldstein had 12 of them while on Thursday AM, John Castaway managed six. Morning tides have been better this past week on the ebb. Aboard the full day **CL III** Mike says the flounder catches have been excellent this week and he will remain with them since they are too good to walk away from, as evidenced by Wednesday's high hook which went into the 80s.

Word from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** is also of lots of blues from 3 to 13 lbs., depending on where you're fishing. The **Super Spray II** has been having large catches of fluke

with a slightly increasing number of larger keepers. The association's charter boats have had the same results fishing both inside and off Rockaway. Atlantic and Fantasy have had decent numbers of keepers off the beaches. Lots of blue shark around and some makos as well.

Over in nearby Point Lookout the word from the **Capt. Al** is that the bluefishing has been very good since last Thursday. Fast fishing said skipper Al Lindroth. Roosevelt Rogers jigged 36 Saturday and 76 Sunday. Ralph Martinez had 40 Saturday and 45 Sunday, while 14 year old Anthony Pollio had 53. There's also an odd bonito thrown in also. Blues have running 2½ to 6 lbs. Also caught on Sunday were 70 blues for Flushing angler Yashnin Khan. In addition, Santos Rosa of the Bronx had 35, Mike Vencenza, 35 and John Chang around 35. This is typical of the numbers of blues being caught now. Friday's night trip was tough the skipper said, but Sat. night it bounced back with over 200 blues taken at the Mud Hole in 17 Fathom area. Al says there are light crowds on the weekdays and people are loading up with fantastic fishing east, south and west of Jones.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** this week Saturday's trip for the Bernadette Klein group had good AM fluking between Riis Park and Playland with a 60 percent keeper ratio. In the PM, it was back inside with tons of throwbacks and some keepers. The pool fluke went 5 lbs. for Mrs. Archibald. Six keepers out of 27 fluke caught was the score for first timer Kelly. Sunday's trip was for the East Meadow Fire Dept. with great fluking just east of Playland tight to the beach in 15 feet of water. The group had over 500 fish with about a 40 percent keeper ratio. Six were in the 3 to 5 lb. class, and catches were made on fluke skin and spearing. Due to a last minute cancellation, the boat has this Saturday open, for those interested.

Aboard the two trip a day **Miss Point Lookout** which is still flounder fishing, skipper Ron Murray says there are plenty of flatties around and now coming off the moon the tide should slacken and action should be great. Sunday's AM trip had Tom Devine with the pool winning fish and in the PM Bob and Libby Brody bagged a 2½ lb. pool winner. Tuesday an unnamed regular was pool winner with a 2 lb. flounder and 18 to boot, while on Thursday's PM trip, Dan Kramer was happy with 20 nice flounder. Ron says he still has some tickets available for the Liberty trips July 3 and 4.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** comes word that flounder and fluke action continues in Reynolds with action being hot around buoy 19. Some blackfish continue to be caught at the loop and Big M on fiddlers while small blues have been coursing through the inlet and channels going to 3 lbs. Frank Serberali managed a 3¾ lb. fluke on squid-killy combo.

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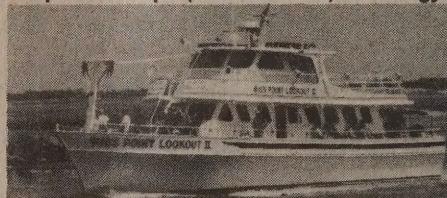
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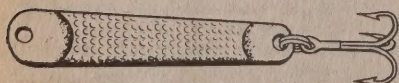


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Sailing out of Atlantic Beach, the charter boat **Kim** skippered by Capt. Ron Lepper, called to say the blue-fishing has been excellent all over and are being caught by any method you care to employ. There's been a sprinkling of weaks and striped bass in with the blues off the Jersey coast, the Rockaway Beaches and off Long Beach at daybreak. Some 30 to 40 lb. bass are being trolled by Jersey boats off their beaches.

We hear from Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in Franklin Square of Matt Wasserman on his boat, On Liberty, put away 25 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. fishing off Riis Park Tuesday in 20 to 25 feet of water with squid and sand eels. Blackfish at the Sore Thumb and flounder off the Jones Beach piers. It's blues at Cholera and buoy 4, jigs days, bait at night.

A call from Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** spoke of excellent fluking in Reynolds and off Riis Park with the keeper ratio in Reynolds roughly 25 percent with fish larger where the water is deepest. Buoys 7 and 5 have been hot on live killies. Magnolia Pier is still producing well with leadheads tipped with frozen spearing best. Small blues in Reynolds hitting fluke baits and larger blues at the ABB hitting live-lined bunker. Gary Senser socked it to a 95 lb. mako south of the HA Sunday.

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Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook told of lots of small fluke between Jones and Debs but with some 3 and 4 lbs. mixed in. About an 85 percent throwback ratio said Charlie. Best baits have been squid combined with sand eels or smelt. Also, still lots of flounder around but with results varying from day to day. There's been good fluking off Playland, he said, with about a 60 percent keeper ratio.

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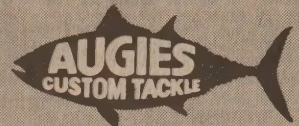
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blackfish still being caught off the north and south channel bridges.

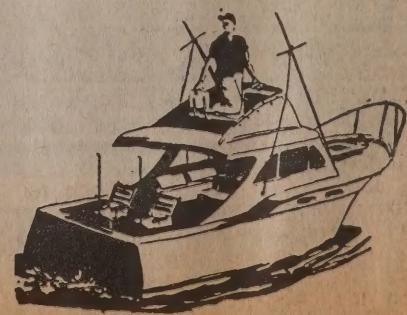
Jack at **Fishing Unlimited** in Cross Bay Marina, Howard Beach, spoke of lots of big blues in the bay on bunker chunks. Small fluke in abundance with the Mill Basin area good this past week for 5 and 6 lb. keepers. Bluefish being caught at the Ambrose Tower area mixed with bonito.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** is of super great bluefishing for big fish at 17 Fathoms on bait and smaller fish locally in the bays. Saturday saw very good fluking at the Tin Can grounds with a 5 lber. caught by Richie Magnani on a Bay Charter boat. Blacks and sea bass have slowed this past week, while the offshore wrecks are producing some big ling and porgies. It's been a slaughter for blues aboard the Helen H with action only slightly less under the stars. **Pilot II** has also been having good bluefishing. Mario of the store had 3 weakfish to 11 lbs. on chunks at Nortons Point.

This week the fluking aboard the **Zephyr** was classified as good by the skipper with about a 50 percent keeper ratio and lots of action. Fishing off Riis Park and at the Tin Can. Sand eel and spearing worked best and there appear to be fish in all areas. A few blues are getting mixed up in the catch as well. Captain Butch said he still has some tickets available for the Liberty trips July 3rd and 5th.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** which is now also sailing nights blues 7PM Friday and Saturday nights, as well as their day bluefishing trips, reports very good bluefish catches everyday in many areas. There are a tremendous amount of bluefish around, said Walt with some weakfish mixed in. Fish are running 1 to 5 lbs. and were caught off the Highlands Sunday. A few 10 to 12 lb. gaffers are usually taken on each trip too. He says now's the time to come down and bag up.

A call from Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** told of a charter Friday for two men that resulted in 25 good keeper fluke taken at the Can in a half day trip. The keeper ratio on fluke was noticeably better this week said the skipper. Saturday's trip for Dr. Jeff Steuffel and two fellow dentists put the bite on 2 to 5 lb. blues off Seabright on diamonds. Sunday the charter worked the same fish at off-shore Seabright in the area of the Fisherman's buoy.



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Unstable weather conditions affect the fishing picture, scattering bluefish in some areas of the sound. The good news is the great number of fluke which came into the Sound from Smithtown to the City line, with often a fifty fifty percentage of keepers. Blues are fickle in the western Sound, with early morning and dusk the best bet elsewhere. Good shots of porgies came through during the week. Weakfish catches are picking up.

WESTERN SOUND

Jimmy, at Jack's Bait and Tackle in City Island spoke of a lot of bass over eighteen inches now in the area, with many anglers catching and releasing all they want. Fluke came into the area, particularly good at Prospect Point, Sands Point and Hart Island, with one customer reporting twelve keepers on a trip to Prospect Point. On Sunday, Mike Perpoco weighed fluke of three and a half and three and three quarter pounds caught drifting between Prospect and Sand's Points. Porgies have started, with the best action at Pea Island and the Connecticut side. Flounder and blackfish have slowed a bit, with Execution Light House the best bet for tautog action. Bluefish of mixed sizes were good, with Hempstead Harbor a particular hot spot over the weekend, fish ranging anywhere from three to ten pounds, however, a monster of seventeen pounds was weighed in during the week.

Betty Anderson spoke of a mixed bag on the North Star on the weekend, with porgies, flounder, blackfish, fluke and sea bass. Pool winner is usually a blackfish.

A spokesman for the Klondike VIII said that bluefishing was a bit picky on the weekend.

Captain Dom Cerbone fished the Norwalk Islands where anglers on the Apache pulled big flounder and blackfish over the rails. About one hundred blackfish were caught on weekend trips, with the pool fish around eight pounds. Captain Cerbone stressed that many drops were needed to locate the fish. A good showing of porgies highlighted the weekend.

John, at Glen Cove Sport Shop, felt that fishing was stale on the weekend with plenty of bluefish around, mixed with a considerable number of stripers, some as large as thirty-five pounds. Anglers trolling umbrella

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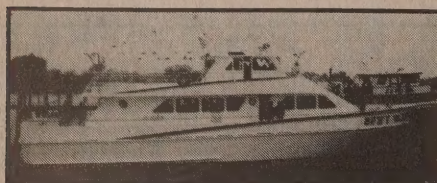
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rigs found that any color was productive. Live liners accounted for bass and weaks. Eleven year old Renato Grella caught his eleven and a half pound weakfish drifting a live bunker near Maxwell's Jetty. Worms or squid are taking sand porgies at teh Piping Rock Beach Club. Mattinick Point is loaded with fluke, most in the three to four pound range. A few blackfish are hanging in.

Captain Ralph is now bluefishing daily on the *Young America*, berthed in Little Neck Bay, and spoke of many small scattered schools of blues concentrated in western Long Island Sound, eastward to Smithtown.

John, of *John's Gun and Tackle in New Rochelle*, discovered lots of large bluefish in fifty feet of water off

Mamaroneck on Sunday, fishing with eight year old John junior, friend John, Dewey, and Lou, and Lou's two sons Anthony and Louis. Largest bluefish, fifteen pounds was caught by John junior on a chunk of mackerel. Fluke are keeping most anglers busy, with lots of fish located from Sands Point and to the east. Lots of striped bass, some to thirty pounds are in the area. Blackfish remain very good at Execution Light, Harts Island and Huckleberry Island.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Mel Fleischman of Greenlawn

Sports Shop felt that blues were a bit slow on the weekend, however, mackerel still remain in the picture, showing up at Mill Dam Basin Bridge in the Centerport area. Fluke, some of four to six pounds were taken at Eaton's Neck on drifted squid/sand eel baits. A few weaks have been reported. Blackfish still are good. Try fishing green crabs off Mackamaw Beach.

Tom Bowman related that big schools of mackerel were in the Huntington Bay area over the weekend, with anglers catching anywhere from twenty to forty per boat of big Boston mackerel. Blues, of course, are chasing mackerel. Best catches were made Thursday at the OB Bouy, where blues were stacked up over

thirty feet deep. By Friday, bluefishing was an early morning and dusk proposition, with jigs working at those times and umbrella rigs during the day. Anglers reporting to **Bowman's Sporting Goods** spoke of decent fluke catches drifting baits near the Nissequogue River and on the west side of Eaton's Neck near Sand City. Weakfish are on the slow side, with most catches made while fishing for other species. Porgies remain in the middle of Northport Bay.

Captain John Alberda of **Sound Charters** located large blues, some to twelve pounds, on Sunday's charter with Mike Tobin of Syosset. He reported best time for blues is dawn and dusk, with deep trolling needed during the heat of the day. Lots of fluke have come into the area, average weight four pounds. A reminder that the "T.J." will sail two trips daily as an open boat, until the **Ever Ready** returns to service. Reservations are a must.

The biggest weakfish of the month was weighed at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** by George Valentine during the week. The tiderunner, weighing fifteen pounds seven ounces, was caught by Kyle Ringer of Huntington Station who was drifting a squid bait for fluke off Eaton's Neck. Many anglers who concentrated on fluke, found a fifty fifty keeper ratio, with average fluke anywhere from two to six pounds. Best spots to try include Eaton's Neck to Sand City, Lloyd Point and Huntington Inlet. Blues, which were all over the place during the week, became scarce on the weekend. Cocktail blues were spotted early Sunday morning off the Golf Course (Makamaw Beach), with cocktail size on top, larger fish underneath. Very large blues were located in Huntington Bay between Northport and Sand City, and also in Oyster Bay almost at the ramp. Blackfishing, which has been neglected by most, remains very good at Bouy 13, where up to thirty blacks in a three hour fishing trip is the norm. Loads of bass moved into the area, some to thirty pounds.

Although weakfish are not yet in a biting mood, one did fall for a bait drifted by nine year old Donald Floyd Junior on Sunday. The youngster's twelve pound tiderunner snatched a bait meant for fluke at Cranes Neck and was weighed at **Carattis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson. Porgies are good off the Old Field Point Light House. Try Flax Pond or the Pink House area, Mount Misery Shoal for fluke. Check for shorts! Blues remain picky, showing up off Cranes Neck and at Bouy 9 on Sunday. Early morning is your best bet.

The **Prowler**, berthed in Port Jefferson, was heavy into bluefish on Sunday. Captain Bruce Cash also plucked a nine pound weakfish from among the school of blues west of Port Jefferson.

The **Port Jeff Ace** located a large school of humpback porgies on

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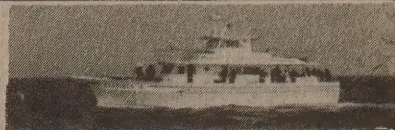
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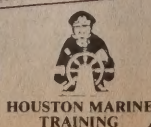
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Thursday, only to find out that they had disappeared the next day. In general, bottom fishing is very good, with porgies, blackfish and fluke providing good action. Captain Roy Cash stated that high hook is usually fifteen to twenty fish each day, with a good pick of fish on every drop.

Captain Fred Mildner located "acres of bluefish" early Sunday morning at Cranes Neck on the charter boat Hawkeye, and also managed to jig a weakfish which tipped the scales at Ralph's Fishing Station at ten pounds.

The Rocky Point Lions Club will hold its First Annual "Blues" Fishing Club Contest from July 4th to July 7th. First prize is worth five hundred dollars for the heaviest bluefish. All proceeds of the contest will aid the Handicapped. Call 744-2450 for information. Entry blanks can be picked up at most bait and tackle stores in Port Jefferson, Mt. Sinai and Rocky Point.

Early last week, some large fluke moved into the Mt. Sinai area, as evidenced by those brought into Captain Al's Complete Angler in Miller Place. Bob Rivera and Bob Barber, fishing together, accounted for twenty-one fluke, with the best weighing nine pounds and another eight pounds. Squid, with shiners and sand eels did the trick. Very large porgies came in for a brief stay at Bouy 11 late in the week, with some hitting the three and a half pound mark. Weekend bluefish responded to trolling. Jack Carter and his daughter while testing their new boat, trolled twenty-two bluefish, working their rigs under the Pink House.

Bill, at Rocky Point Fishing Stop heard of very good fluking, with some fish to seven pounds at such areas as the Shoreham Pipeline, Mt. Misery Shoal and Old Field Point (east side). Although most anglers have forsaken blackfish for more exotic species, blackfish maven Charly Wirth, fishing with his buddies Kenny Thurber and Billy Lober, continues to put a dent in the blackfish population. On Sunday, the trio caught fifty blackfish, top weight ten pounds on the Shoreham Pipeline. Bait was hermits, which also tempted two fluke and a striper. Many anglers spoke of jigging humpback porgies, some of three pounds in the Bouy 11 area towards the end of the week. Blues of two and three pounds are near the beach, larger fish to about eight pounds reachable by boat.

NORTH FORK

Captain Bob Ceglowski had an excellent day with fluke last Monday, when the Glen Oaks Country Club picked up sixty fluke, ranging from three to seven pounds on the Captain Bob, berthed in Mattituck. On Thursday's open boat trip, a five and a half pound fluke took the pool. While fluking is sporadic, with many shorts around, it appears that the best

is yet to come. Open boat trips will concentrate on Horton's Point for fluke.

A couple of very large fluke were unreported in last week's column. A thirteen pound doormat, caught by Jersey resident Mark Pezzano, was weighed at **Warren's Tackle Center**, while another, weighing twelve pounds two ounces, caught by Jayn Kiltshaw on the charter boat "Fish-lot" was weighed at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**. Both fish were caught on June 15th at Horton's Point.

George, speaking for **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue, heard of continued good blackfishing, along with porgies and some weakfish in Long Island Sound. Bluefishing remains erratic, with luck (being in the right place at the right time) the main factor. Reports of very good flounder action, large size fish, caught in Shinnecock Bay near Bouy 19 came into the shop. The Peconic is very quiet.

Liz saw very good porgy catches brought into **Mattituck Fishing Station** on Saturday, with thirty to forty porgies a person caught at the Firing Range and Cooper's Rock. Sunday's action slowed a bit, blamed on too many bluefish scaring the porgies! Fluke have come into the Firing Range area, but lots of shorts are jumping on the bait. Blackfish are slowing down. Anglers fishing porgies with a bit of squid on a high hook are often tempting weak fish. Weakfish of up to six pounds have been caught this way.

Mrs. Petersen at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** reported terrific catches of big blackfish both at the Northville pipeline and Beachcomber Motel areas. Best porgy action took place on Saturday, with a slowdown on Sunday attributed to too many bluefish!

Ace Cottrel spoke of a drop in bluefish action on the weekend, however porgies picked up the slack, with good catches made off Eastern Plains Point in deep water. Very large porgies were noted by a marina based boat fishing New London. Lots of fluke reported off the Ruins at Gardiner's Island by boats berthed in **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**, however an extraordinary number of shorts are entrenched in the area. Ace suggests trying deeper water than normal, thirty to forty feet, for larger fluke. Weak fish reports have been scarce. The "Sea Boots" did very well on Saturday with blackfish, jumbo porgies and snowshoe flounder fishing the northwest corner of Plum Island.

Captain Pete Izzo, of the **Bo Anne II**, had very good action with blackfish, porgies, sea bass and flounder on the weekend on both his open boat and charter trips. On Sunday Bruce Masserman and his party had a variety of bottom dwelling species. Captain Izzo remarked on the great number of short fluke at the Gardiner's area but felt that the

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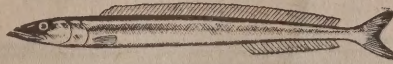
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blackfish (fish up to seven pounds) and big flounder made up for the slowness with fluke.

Mrs. White felt that the slowdown in bluefish activity can be attributed to the windy conditions of the past week, stirring up the waters and scattering bait. However, some nice fish were weighed at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** on the weekend. On Sunday, Michael Attanasio of West Islip proudly displayed a ten pound six ounce fluke which was caught on

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was on Friday, when buckets of porgies, many one and a half to two and a half pounds were caught. The largest was nearly four pounds in weight. Porgy fishing is just getting started and shows signs of a banner season. Most fish were caught in the Gardiner's, Plum Island and Gull Islands areas.

Captain Rich Jensen reported tough fluking all weekend, with four shorts for each keeper. Sunday's charter of sixteen anglers, kept thirty-six fluke, some to four pounds in weight on the **Nancy Ann**. Since the best fluke month is traditionally July, it appears that the stage is set for a good season, since there is lots of bait in the area and a few big fluke around.

Captain Larry Ciccotto is now full time fluking on the **Prime Time III** and had pretty good action during the week with anywhere from four to eight keepers per angler, with a slowdown in keepers on the weekend. On Saturday, a trio of anglers did manage fifteen keepers together. However, there are some very large fluke coming into the area as proved by Sunday's catch which included two doormats, plucked from scores of shor fluke. Micheal Attanasio handled a doormat of ten pounds six ounces to win the pool, while Charles Au of Bellrose was second with a beauty of seven and a half pounds.

Captain John Sinning of the charter boat **Sundowner** fished his first offshore trip on Thursday, with Captain Rich Jensen, nine year old Ricky Jensen, Robbie and Paul. Fishing Montauk waters, eleven blue sharks were hooked and released. Catch of the day was a mako which weighed 330 pounds that was expertly handled by nine year old Ricky, his first mako ever! The fish was brought to gaff in about a half hour.

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Some positive signs around the Island's beaches this week as opposed to last week's uneventful fishing. A showing of big stripers around south shore inlets is likely a poor barometer for the actual numbers of fish around. Many hard core nighttime anglers have cut down on their after dark efforts considerably which means there are probably more fish around than meet the eye. North shore weak-fishing remained quiet but there were a couple of bright spots on the south shore. Bluefishing has settled into a pick of decent size fish on bait on both shores although there are still the occasional flurries with small

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choppers at the inlets and along north shore beaches. Montauk is yet to see any run of bass or weaks develop though the first weak, a loner, was taken on Friday night.

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch reported a caster working between North and False Bar took the first weak reported from the beach here. Nothing doing at Shagwong however. Boatmen reported picking a couple of weaks on Friday which could be a good sign of things to come. A couple of bass continue to be picked up front. The sand beach near Hither Hills State Park produced a good inning with small blues on Saturday evening. Fish were taken on tins and plugs.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in Patchogue reported that Smith Point County Park is open to beach vehicles east to the Inlet. Thursday, Friday and Saturday saw lots of school bass up to 8 pounds taken along the inlet rocks on Bombers. Fish were taken early morning and evenings with no need to fish after dark. A good suggestion is to crush the barbs on your trebles if you plan on getting in on any of this fishing. Some big blues to 12 pounds being taken on bunker chunks in the Stony Brook area.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger had some great news concerning a catch of 8 weakfish in the Fire Island area. Barry Gorman checked in the fish first thing Monday morning and would say only that the fish were taken in Fire Island Inlet. His largest checked in at 12.10 pounds.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Tom Healy relayed word of a 45" striper which weighed 37½ pounds on a hand scale taken inside the inlet on a bunker. Pete Mabanta took the fish Wednesday morning. It was released nonetheless for wear.

Barry Greenberg told Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor that he caught and released a bass that measured 48" at Robert Moses during the week. This fish was estimated in the 40 pound class.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike Nicoletti who keeps a well tuned ear to the surf scene, reported on an excellent showing of weakfish on the west side (Point Lookout) of Jones Inlet this past week. He said that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings produced catches of 4 to 12 weaks per angler with fish ranging up to 12 pounds taken on red jellyworm and leadhead combos. The fishing apparently died since then. There have been some short bass taken out front at West End II on tin. On Saturday morning, a regular known only as Tony reported taking a bass in the low teens on tin at Robert Moses Field 4. There has been a pick of blues in the 7 to 10 pound class on bait at West End and to a lesser degree at the east end of Parking Field 6, Jones Beach. Several of Mike's customers have been working Caumsett State Park at Lloyds Neck on the north shore. They

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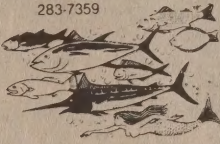
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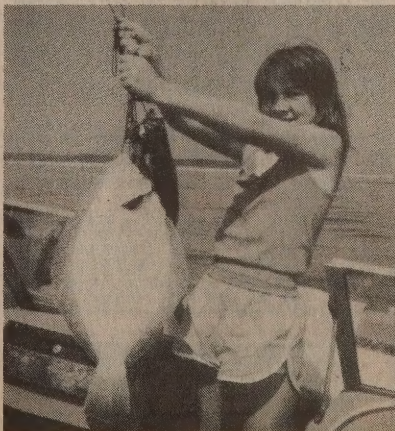
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reported a good showing of bass late in the week on small mackerel finish swimmers. Several of the fish were teen size and one checked in at 26 pounds. It was taken by Joe on 8 lb. test line. Loads of blues in this area at daybreak.

A Call from Cast A Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square revealed bass of 28 and 38 pounds taken from the Cedar Bar early Friday morning by a caster who preferred anonymity. They were taken on whole bunker snagged at the scene. Cast A Way has fresh bunker to order. See their ad for phone number.

Wind hurt the fishing and made for a generally picky week according to Stan Hentschel at Rocky Point Fishing Stop. Just a scattering of weaks and a few bass taken along local beaches. Stan noted that blues did return with a good showing of fish at the Wading River Town Beach with fish ranging from 1 to 3 pounds but some to 12 pounds taken in the early morning. Stan said that baitfish seem to have settled back along area beaches as of Sunday night after being scattered by all of this past week's wind.



Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

Around the Island this week, freshwater fans enjoyed fair bass fishing although the size of most bass taken was considerably less than last week. Trout fishing in the parks and upstate remains constant but is slow elsewhere. Pan fishing continues to be good.

Charlie Beckmann, of Beckmann's Bait and Tackle in Lynbrook, reports plenty of small bass biting in the Twin Lakes and Grant Park. Nothing big here, just plenty of action. A few fish are still coming from Hempstead Lake but this is strictly a morning and evening affair.

Over at Causeway Bait and Tackle

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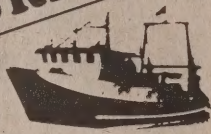
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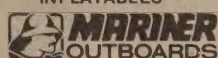
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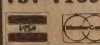
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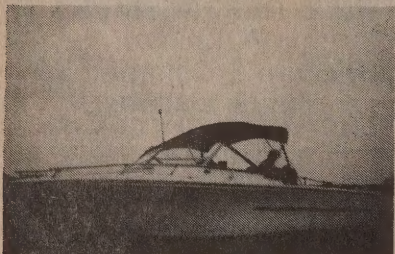
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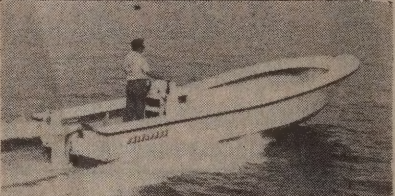
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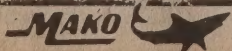
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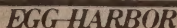
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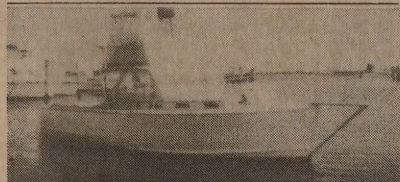


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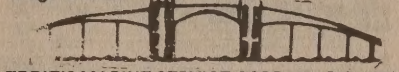
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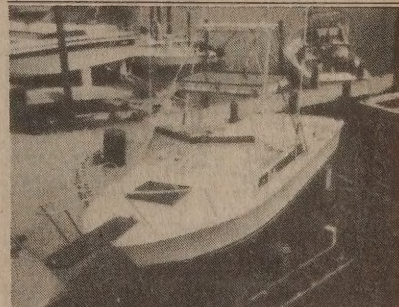
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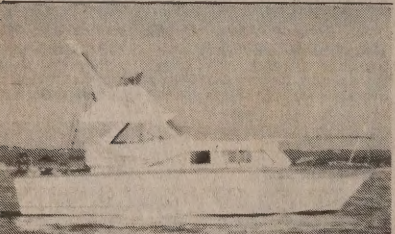
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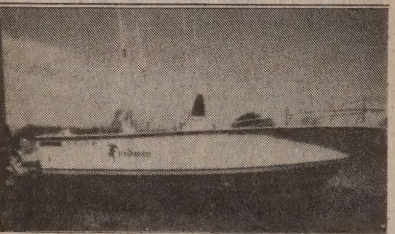


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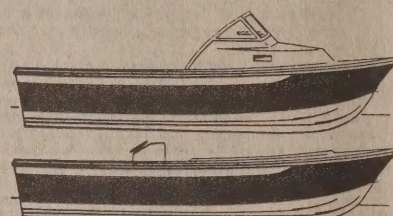


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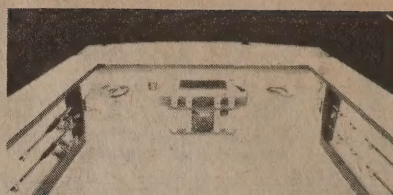
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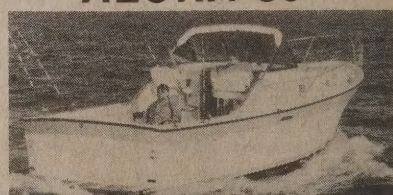
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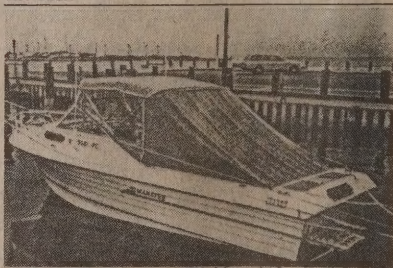
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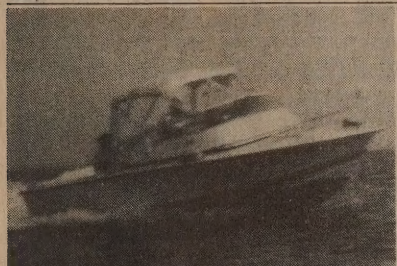
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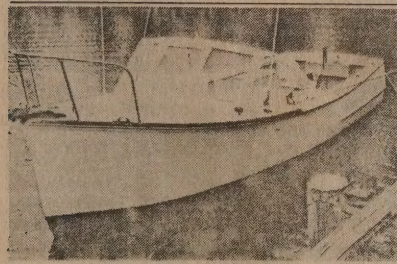
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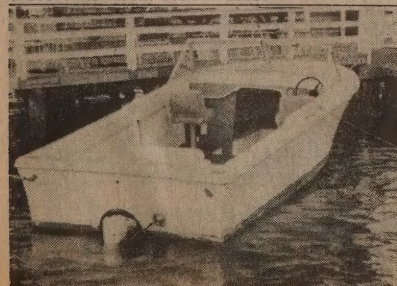


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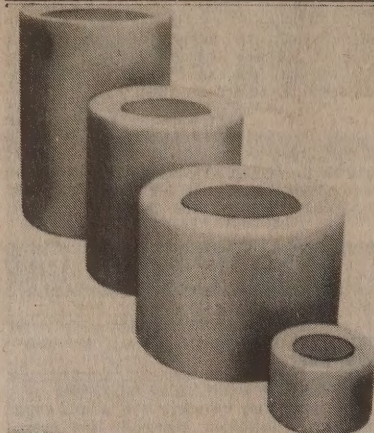
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in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti tells us that bass fishing is good in the south end of Mill Pond and at the middle Twin Lake for those who can find a few killies to use for bait. Night crawlers are producing a few fish too. On Saturday, William Davis and friends John Froelich and David Pike, scored with ten bass to 3.2 pounds in the north Twin Lake. On Friday, Lowell Eidman caught and released four keeping sized bigmouths in the Twin Lakes. Another angler reported taking eleven legal fish on black spinner baits during the week. Panfish and carp are both feeding actively in the south west corner of the Mill Pond.

According to Gil Bergen, anglers experienced good fishing all week long at Connetquot River State Park. Quite a few large brooks, browns, and rainbows, some to four and five pounds, were checked in. The fish are now beginning to respond to dry flies and small grey nymphs are also taking some fish.

From **J&R Sports center** in Oakdale we learned of a new leader in the shop trout derby. Marty Pestinger dropped a 7.12 pound brownie on the scale here to move into first place. The hugh trout was taken on a crawfish imitation in the park early last week. There are still plenty of small trout coming from Bubbles and Rattlesnake Creek but legal sized fish are widely scattered here.

At **J&J Bait and Tackle** in Patch-

ogue, Paul Graniello spoke of fast action with bass at Patchogue's Mill Pond and West Lake. Early in the week, Warren Hubbs connected with a three pound pickerel in Cannon Lake. Warren used a jellyworm to stick his fish. Steve Musso tried his luck at Connetquot River State Park and came away a winner with a 2.4 rainbow that fell for a blue dunn dry fly.

My buddy Clay Hammond gave a call this week to let us all know that he and his son Clay junior dropped a few killies in Lower Yaphank Lake during the week and connected with a nice bunch of black crappies. Most of the fish turned out to be just the right size for the frying pan, which is where they all ended up.

Out on the east end of the Island, George Devlin of **The Fisherman's Deli** in Riverhead, passed on word that small bass and pickerel have been very active in the Peconic River and Forge Pond. Panfishing has been on the upswing as well. Bill Lather used a popping plug to take a surface feeding largemouth weighing 5.8 pounds from Forge Pond while Glen Miller used a Mepps spinner to connect with a 4.13 pound bass in the river behind the shop.

Moving upstate, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Cheif Ski and Sport** in Hunter Mountain, called to say that the water in local streams and rivers has been very low and clear. Still, anglers continue to score well with most

fishermen taking four to five trout an outing. Adams and Cahill's have been the best fly patterns while worms continue to produce the most fish. Lead fish in the monthly contest is a 17.5 inch trout.

From upstate **Odessey Charters**, Captain Bill Johnson informs us that the charter fleet continues to home in on forty-seven degree water where the chinook salmon fishing has been pretty good. The lake (Ontario) is now beginning to stratify and that means good fishing for salmon in the twelve to twenty pound range. One boat had a thirty-one pounder this week. Most of the fish are hitting from twelve to forty feet down over seventy to one hundred and twenty feet of water. Best action has been about twenty minutes west of Rochester.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet. — 0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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FRI.	12:40	1:15	1:20	2:00	1:20	1:55	2:10	2:50	4:35	5:15	4:00	4:35	12:45	1:00	6/27
SAT.	1:25	2:05	2:15	3:00	2:10	2:50	3:10	3:50	5:40	6:15	5:00	5:35	1:20	1:55	6/28
SUN.	2:20	2:55	3:10	3:55	3:00	3:40	4:15	4:55	6:45	7:15	6:00	6:30	2:15	2:50	6/29
MON.	3:10	3:50	4:05	4:45	3:50	4:30	5:15	5:45	7:40	8:05	7:00	7:20	3:10	3:45	6/30
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On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
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Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Manantloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ARBECON INLET	+0 14
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Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
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GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
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Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	— 0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point, north side	— 1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	— 0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	— 1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/26	5:25	8:40
FRI. 6/27	5:26	8:40
SAT. 6/28	5:26	8:40
SUN. 6/29	5:27	8:40
MON. 6/30	5:27	8:40
TUE. 7/1	5:28	8:40
WED. 7/2	5:29	8:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/26	12:15PM	10:25AM
FRI. 6/27	12:35PM	11:30AM
SAT. 6/28	—	12:40PM
SUN. 6/29	1:15AM	1:40PM
MON. 6/30	1:20AM	2:40PM
TUE. 7/1	1:40AM	3:40PM
WED. 7/2	2:05AM	4:50PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
			
6/4	6/11	6/18	6/26

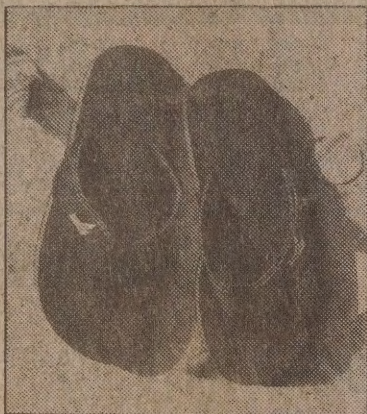
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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:50	3:40	10:20	4:05
Fri.	10:45	4:35	11:10	4:55
Sat.	11:35	5:25	11:55	5:45
Sun.	—	6:10	12:20	6:30
Mon.	12:45	6:45	12:55	7:10
Tues.	1:25	7:25	1:35	7:45
Wed.	2:00	8:05	2:15	8:25
Thurs.	2:35	8:45	2:55	9:10

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